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## **61 LILFORD ROAD, SE5 – Redevelopment of Industrial Estate:**

Dear Mr Duigan,

In response to your recent letter about the above application, our comments are as follows:

We broadly welcome the redevelopment of the original industrial buildings in a more efficient form. We have long been concerned about the loss of local employment space, particularly for manufacturing and other processes which are unacceptable directly below residential accommodation. We are relieved that earlier proposals to combine light industry with hostel accommodation have been abandoned.

However, we have one point of **objection**, which can be dealt with by adding a Condition. The applicant appears to be proposing 24-hour operation, which is unacceptable given the residential property directly across the road and to the west of the site. Particular concern is the rising demand for “dark kitchens” to support home delivery services for cooked food, as an alternative to operating from conventional “take-away” café/shop premises.

The Lambeth Local Plan has not fully responded to this trend, despite our representations at the Examination in Public. Nevertheless, based on policies ED3, Q2(v) and Q7(ix), no operations should be allowed on-site between midnight and 5 am.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary