

Subject: FW: Wood Green Cultural Quarter comment

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To: LDF
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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find below a copy of my comment posted on your 'woodgreensfuture.commonplace.is' site:

It's great that you're planning to provide a range of new opportunities for small and medium sized businesses.

However, how will this affect existing small businesses in the area, specifically at the Chocolate Factory? I'm a musician who lives in the local area. I've worked with Moby, Gnarl Barkley, Lamb, Goldfrapp to name a few and I regularly work at Stella Polaris Studios in Chocolate Factory (part of Collage Arts) where I record all my material in their professional recording studios. I have performed a sold-out solo show at Karamel Club (live videos at youtube.com/lizchiyen) and am part of their wider artist community. Collage Arts is a thriving artist community with like-minded professional musicians and artists all trying to build businesses and focussed on creating excellence in their art. If rents were increased this would have a detrimental effect on all these creative businesses, many of whom, I suspect, will be forced out of their studios. I therefore urge you to consult Collage Arts in your future planning and set a cap for the rents at Chocolate Factory 1 and 2 to ensure the high calibre of artists/studios/creatives are able to sustainably continue their businesses that they have worked so hard to build.

Here's a short film showcasing 30 artists at Collage Arts: <https://youtu.be/RI0e-IE8X8M>

Best wishes

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