Canonmills Bridge – demolition permission granted

Following the apparently successful campaign to stop the demolition of the Earthy building at Canonmills Bridge, an appeal by the developer has been allowed and the building will be demolished.

We reported late last year on the campaign to Save 1-6 Canonmills Bridge, and from their Facebook page it would appear that they hope to take further action.

> *GRIM NEWS. This has just arrived by email. The appeal has been allowed. The Reporter has concurred with the owners and…*
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> *Posted by* *Save 1 – 6 Canonmills Bridge* *on* *Thursday, 28 January 2016*

The Reporter who considered the appeal said: "Against these key elements which distinguish the area, I consider the building is atypical.

"It is essentially a simple and functional mid 19th Century small scale mainly brick built industrial building, which appears to have served the area as shops throughout most of its existence. It has been the subject of various ad hoc adaptations throughout its life and is now built of mixed materials.

"At present it is particularly well presented at street level by its current occupiers as an organic food grocers and restaurant and is clearly valued by the local community. However, I do not consider that its current occupation and use is relevant to the question of the intrinsic value of the building itself to the special interest of the conservation area."

Commenting on the news, Deidre Brock MP said:

"This is a very disappointing decision. The fantastic local campaign to save 1-6 Canonmills Bridge demonstrated the strength of feeling against demolition.

"The planned development is an inappropriate size for the site, and will close down the sense of space in this central hub area of Canonmills. It's very sad that a building with such character will be bulldozed for a bland housing block.

"I'll continue to support the campaign as they consider whether there are any further avenues to halt this decision."

This is the appeal decision in full:

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