

Statement from Seven Sisters Indoor Market Traders

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We, the undersigned, are traders at Seven Sisters Indoor Market, many of whom are also members of the Seven Sisters Market Tenants Association (SSMTA).

Following Grainger PLC's recent decision to abandon their development of the Wards Corner site and confirm that the temporary market at Apex Gardens will no longer be provided, we wish to publicly state the following:

- We support the [Wards Corner Community Plan](#), as proposed by the West Green Road/Seven Sisters Development Trust and which received planning permission in 2019. We call on the Mayor of London and Transport for London to follow Haringey Council in supporting the plan, and to work collaboratively with ourselves and the Trust to implement it as quickly as possible. We note that the Trust is currently establishing a Community Benefit Society to democratically progress the plan on a one member, one vote basis and we look forward to playing an active role in these discussions over the coming months.*
- We call on the Mayor to extend the financial hardship scheme for **all traders** - regardless of their membership of the SSMTA - affected by the ongoing closure of the market. While we are grateful for the support we have previously received, this only extended until June 2021 on the presumption that the temporary market at Apex Gardens would then open. This is no longer the case, and the market remains closed with no certainty as to when a temporary or permanent solution will be provided. This is causing extreme hardship and distress for traders and requires urgent remediation.*
- We further stress the critical importance of the provision of a temporary market. On April 7th, 2021, traders were informed that Grainger would not be proceeding with the installation of a temporary market at Apex Gardens. Despite this, and their public withdrawal from the Wards Corner site August 5th, Transport for London has yet to communicate a concrete alternative, or the timescales involved. A temporary market has become necessary due to the health and safety issues and construction work which have forced the closure of the main market. We ask for clarity on this matter, and for a workable solution to be progressed with speed. We note that the West Green Road/Seven Sisters Development Trust have previously issued proposals, designed in consultation directly with traders, which we continue to support.*

We are ready to work with all parties to ensure the swift implementation of the above and to ensure an equitable future for Wards Corner for all those who live, work, and play in the area.

Yours sincerely,

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