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2023/3861/P	Clare Wright	11/11/2023 12:05:42	COMMNT	I agree with the design, and sadly there is a need for gates.
2023/3861/P	Frances Parsons	11/11/2023 10:41:11	SUPPRT	It would be nice to see gates which are more in keeping with the rest of the park railings. I have lived in Primrose Hill for over 50 years and it is a shame that it has become necessary to close the park at nights for the safety and peace of the community.
2023/3861/P	Alan J Mason	10/11/2023 15:45:31	SUPPRT	I write in support of the application by the Royal Parks for the erection of gates on the perimeter of the Primrose Hill open space. The London Borough of Camden is being requested to give a decision on gates; it is not being asked to comment on closure. That is a matter for the Royal Parks. If - as some claim - criminal and ASB are no longer problems, I trust that the gates, if installed, will be closed on very few occasions, but I note that one local resident mentions that the temporary barriers still being forced open, indicating that vandalism is not totally a thing of the past.
2023/3861/P	anita engler	11/11/2023 11:56:12	SUPPRT	Sadly, the Hill is not the safe place at night of the past and so gates have become necessary. The proposed design looks acceptable, so I support this application.

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2023/3861/P	James Engel	10/11/2023 13:28:09	OBJNOT	<p>Having grown up adjacent to the Park in the 1970's at a time when the gates were removed , I enjoyed and have continued to enjoy the freedom of this public open space.</p> <p>At no time have I encountered anti-social behaviour , although I was not visiting the park during the height of Covid 2020-2022 .</p> <p>Today , over 50 years after the gates were removed the area adjacent to the park from which most complaints of anti-social behaviour have been reported, is a very different demographic.</p> <p>It is clear that the Royal Parks who manage Primrose Hill Open Space consider their Planning Application as a design consultation procedure focused upon metalwork gates that they have proven are required. SEE: https://www.royalparks.org.uk/press-release/primrose-hill-update</p> <p>The current debate has been fired up by a two year event that contained extraordinary circumstances, the Covid Lockdowns and Social Distancing.</p> <p>On balance if only 2 years out of over 50 years has caused a change of direction, I recommend that Camden Council refuse the application on the basis that extraordinary events (between 2020-2022) have generated an unnecessary solution. It's a bit like closing the Park at night because at night we had a storm that caused havoc and therefore every night going forward could be the same.</p> <p>Surely a more balanced approach is viable.</p> <p>If an objection text can be generated with the help of AI, surely we can work with local resources and technical tools at hand to successfully manage a 24/7 open public space.</p> <p>The gates and night time closure solution proposed by Royal Parks is an over reaction to events that were extraordinary. Behaviours change pending circumstances that place pressure upon us all.....we are moving away from the extraordinary erosion of freedoms as a result of the Covid Pandemic special powers between 2020-2022. We are all recovering. The fact that reports of anti-social behaviour in Primrose Hill Park (Open Space) have subsided since 2022 provides clear evidence that the proposed Royal Parks solution is an over reaction. A solution with it's origin during an extraordinary time rather than a balanced view .</p> <p>Clearly the Central London Royal Parks portfolio is managed with night time closures and that managing Primrose Hill in this way fits into their model for London. This does not in anyway prove that Primrose Hill needs to be managed in the same way. In fact it does the opposite. It illustrates a failure of Royal Parks to reach a different conclusion, an inspired conclusion. The view of Central London from the summit of Primrose Hill Park is unique. It has local, national and international significance.</p> <p>Hampstead Heath within the London Borough of Camden is an open public space and remains open 24/7. If this is possible then surely Primrose Hill, which is so much easier to night manage, can remain open 24/7.</p> <p>If Camden approve the current application they will have closed out the fact that Primrose Hill has functioned successfully for over 50 years without gates and that their proposed reinstatement will signify a failure of Royal Park and a failure of Camden Council to seek an on-balance solution that retains Primrose Hill as a 24/7 open public space.</p>

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2023/3861/P	Paul Filer	12/11/2023 15:47:33	SUPPRT	<p>I am writing in support of the application.</p> <p>These gates are a distinct improvement on the temporary ones in place at present. They are in keeping with the railing design and are less likely to be vandalised.</p> <p>Regards</p>
2023/3861/P	carl johnson	12/11/2023 15:06:01	SUPPRT	<p>I am in full support of the installation of gates to existing entrances to Primrose Hill open space as described. The Royal Parks deserve something more substantial, well-designed and appropriate than flimsy, often broken, repeatedly vandalised, cheap-looking gates which on occasion have dangerous 'edges' sticking out-putting small children and dogs at risk.</p> <p>They are needed for several hours overnight as this is when the anti-social behaviour is at its worst. Unauthorised loud fireworks are a regular occurrence late into the night.</p> <p>With these new gates Primrose Hill, in all its beauty, would be open for all two - thirds of the day, and most of the daylight hours - which seems to me to be a well-balanced outcome.</p>

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2023/3861/P	Richard Simpson for Primrose Hill CAAC	10/11/2023 16:09:40	NOBJ	<p>PRIMROSE HILL CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE 12A Manley Street London NW1 8LT</p> <p>1 November 2023</p> <p>Primrose Hill Open Space, Primrose Hill Road, NW8 2023/3861/P</p> <p>No objection.</p> <p>We comment, additionally, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We seek assurance that the surviving cast-iron gate posts will be retained wherever viable. We would wish the assessment of viability to be made by a qualified professional rather than a contractor, as stated on the drawings. The retention of original fabric is part of the significance of the historic park. 2. The casting of replacement cast-iron gate posts should be to appropriate industry and conservation standards. 3. We note that the gates at Kingsland/St Stephen's Close area are not to form part of this programme. 4. We note that there is no provision for the securing of the gates when they are open. We are concerned with the health and safety implications. 5. We note that the applicant states in their Planning design and access statement at 3.6 that the gates are to be closed as required and for other operational reasons. In the interests of transparency and community support, we would welcome the publication of the grounds on which closure would be required. <p>Richard Simpson FSA Chair</p>

2023/3861/P	Frances C George	10/11/2023 16:27:56	COMMNT	<p>We are very much in favour of these gates - they are an improvement in terms of appearance on the existing temporary gates (which attract vandalism and are easily broken through and had to constantly be replaced thus wasting money.)</p> <p>They are much needed to prevent build up of anti social behaviour in the park which we have witnessed and suffered hugely from as we live close to the park.</p> <p>Unfortunately the temporary gates have been removed at the moment and we are suffering dreadfully with people going into the hill in the early hours and setting off fireworks disturbing our sleep.</p> <p>I believe the plan is to close the gates during British summer time but we sincerely hope that when the new gates are installed they will be closed every weekend, certainly until the end of November covering Halloween and bonfire night and Diwali, and again from at least the beginning of March. The disturbances and anti-social behaviour on the hill in the early hours are extremely distressing and cause may broken nights.</p>
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2023/3861/P	Linda Johnson	12/11/2023 15:22:45	SUPPRT	Hello. I wish to support the installation of proper, aesthetically sympathetic gates to the Primrose Hill entrances as befitting a Royal Park. The current makeshift ones look really unsightly, are totally ineffective and unsafe as they are vandalized. This would certainly reduce and hopefully completely stop the regular nightly disruption to residents living close to the hill from loud shouting and fireworks going off - sometimes at 3am!
