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Dear Daren

I would like to express my full support in respect of planning application 2023/3168/P Primrose Hill Open Space.

I note from other comments submitted that there appears to be an attempt to reignite the debate regarding the advantages and disadvantages of Primrose Hill park being open or closed during designated hours. While the differing views on this subject are interesting to read it is my understanding that this conversation has previously taken place on many different platforms including in the local press and the engagement survey carried out by The Royal Parks in December 2022. In addition the council have previously allotted considerable time to the subject and allowed opinions to be expressed from interested parties at scrutiny panel level which included contributions from The Royal Parks, Camden MPS and individual stakeholders.

Therefore I think it would be reasonable for me to make my comments based on the content of the application alone which is in fact the subject that people are being asked to help determine.

I support the application for the following reasons:

1 Primrose Hill park constitutes one of many Metropolitan Open Spaces and as such demands functional and visually harmonious infrastructure which benefits the overall appearance of the amenity. I believe the content of the application meets that criteria.

2 The proposed gates to nine entrances/exits to the park, as detailed in the drawings are an infinite improvement on the existing steel wire barricades and show a desire by The Royal Parks to install infrastructure that is aesthetically in keeping with the railings that surround the space. The new gates would be both structurally and visually beneficial to the grade 2 listed park and the surrounding conservation area.

3 The existing steel wire barricades are the subject of sustained vandalism which regularly causes them to buckle and become broken exposing sharp protrusions of the components causing a real risk of potential injury to adults, children and dogs. The proposed gates would eliminate this risk due to the sturdy materials that are envisaged to be used in their construction.

4 I agree with the comments of PHCAAC that every effort should be made to ensure that all the infrastructure of gates, gateposts, finials and locking mechanisms should be of the highest quality both functionally and visually as befits a Grade 2 listed Royal Park adjacent to a conservation area.

5 The proposed application, should it be granted would restore a sense of 'arrival' to the space itself and bring it into line with most of the other Royal Parks.

In the event that this application goes to a stage requiring verbal deputations I would be very grateful to speak in support.

Kind regards

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