From: Daren Zuk

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To: Planning

Subject: FW: PLANNING APPLICATION 2023/3861/P - Primrose Hill Gates

From: Richard Cotton (Councillor) < Richard.Cotton@camden.gov.uk>

Sent: 27 November 2023 22:02

To: Daren Zuk < Daren. Zuk@camden.gov.uk >

Subject: PLANNING APPLICATION 2023/3861/P - Primrose Hill Gates

Dear Daren Zuk,

I am a councillor for Camden Town ward and I write to strongly support Planning Application 2023/3861/P.

I was one of the councillors for the former Camden Town with Primrose Hill ward from May 2014 until May 2022 when boundary changes separated Primrose Hill from Camden Town. For the last 3-4 years of my tenure as ward councillor in Primrose Hill, the hill had become focus for serious anti-social behaviour, which eventually resulted in this much loved and cherished open space effectively becoming an unlicensed open-air night club. Residents were kept awake all night by powerful sound systems, drug dealing was rife, residents were assaulted for daring to challenge the revellers and local businesses suffered criminal damage.

For all those reasons, the ward councillors worked for years with residents, police, Primrose Hill Community Association, the Royal Parks Authority and other stakeholders to find a solution. Temporary gates were installed, and the park closed overnight at weekends, bringing it in line with every other Royal Park. However, those temporary gates are unsightly and were never intended to be permanent. I therefore welcome the proposal to install gates that will be robust and aesthetically pleasing as well as in keeping with the existing fencing and appropriate to the needs of the Primrose Hill Conservation Area.

Sincerely,

Richard

(Cllr) Richard Cotton Camden Town Ward Advice Surgeries (Shared with Cllr Pat Callaghan) 1^{st} Friday of each month from 6 pm at Castlehaven Community Centre, 23, Castlehaven Road, NW1 8RU 3^{rd} Friday of each month from 6 pm at The Pirate Castle, 33 Oval Road, NW1 7EA No appointment necessary.

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