

**THE WATER HOUSE,  
LONDON, N6**

**STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**PREPARED ON BEHALF OF  
Mr MUNFORD**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been prepared in support of a full planning application being submitted by DP9 on behalf of Mr & Mrs Munford for the Water House, London, N6.

1.2 The full planning application proposes the following:

*“Demolition of the existing dwelling and replacement with a single family dwelling.”*

1.3 This SCI outlines the extent, methods and outcomes of the consultation undertaken prior to the submission of this planning application.

## **2.0 CONSULTATION GROUPS**

2.1 The Water House is located in a verdant part of the London Borough of Camden within the Highgate Conservation Area. The site is also close to the ladies bathing pond, Hampstead Heath and several neighbouring properties. As such, there are a wide variety of parties to consult in the run up to any planning submission.

2.2 The groups consulted with prior to submission of the application are:

- City of London (Simon Lee, Jonathan Mews, Meg Gamer);
- Haycocks (City of London hydrology consultants);
- Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee;
- Local residents (Derrick Dale, Karen Beare, Lynne Turner Stokes, Apex Lodge, Fitzroy Lodge);
- Highgate Society (Michael Hammerson);
- Fitzroy Park Residents Association;
- Kenwood Ladies Pond (Jane Chalice);
- Heath & Hampstead Society (Jeremy Wright); and
- Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee (Susan Rose).

2.3 In addition to those groups outlined above, the London Borough of Camden were also consulted via a pre-application inquiry. Details of this can be found in the Planning Statement.

### **3.0 KEY ISSUES & OUTCOMES**

3.1 Throughout the consultation exercise the scheme has been in constant evolution. A balance has needed to be struck in order to ensure the amenity of local consultees is not damaged whilst also maintaining the integrity and aspirations of the project for a family home.

3.2 Following on from these consultations, the following concessions have been made in response to identified concerns:

- The overall size of the building has been reduced;
- The position of the building has adjusted on site away from the Wallace House boundary;
- The volume of building has been reduced and the library basement omitted;
- The volume of soil excavation has been reduced;
- The height of southern building wing has been reduced;
- The hydrology has been modelled in both temporary and permanent conditions;
- The Millfield Lane surfacing and improvements have been aligned with feedback;
- The total vehicle movements along Millfield Lane have been reduced;
- A daily cap of 8 vehicle movements in total for both HGV and LGV for 94 of the total 100 weeks construction period has been introduced and a cap of 12 daily movements for intermittent peak periods over 6 weeks has also been introduced.

3.3 The full engagement and practical response to the various concerns expressed during the consultative process indicates Mr & Mrs Munford's commitment to a real engagement process with the local residents and other interested parties.

## **4.0 CONCLUSIONS**

- 4.1 In conclusion it can be seen that the scheme has been subject to extensive consultation and revision.
- 4.2 A number of issues have been thrown up from these consultations. These have been investigated and where possible addressed. As a result, the proposed scheme is considered to meet both the needs of the family hoping to occupy the building while maintaining the amenity of other local stakeholders and complying with development plan policies.