

Dear Mr Thwaites

Dorchester Road 2013

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I had a note from the Highgate Society asking me to oppose the destruction of Athlone House.

Although I have lived at Parliament Hill Fields for 40 years (and my parents did their courting in Kenwood!) I have never visited Athlone House. And yet, seeing it from afar I want to oppose its destruction. It is not beautiful, but it is inspiring and has character. So many modern buildings haven't. And its setting is magnificent, enhancing the death, the death the house.

I note the developer agreed to maintain and restore ^{A PART OF} as a condition for planning permission to construct new flats in its grounds... I am quoting from the Society's leaflet here, but could not the house be made into comfortable flats? I feel they would be sought after and the residents enjoy the dignity of a grand house with superb views.

I so much hope that such a solution can be found.

Yours very sincerely
(Dr) Roy A. L. Butt MRCVS

Charles Thwaites

Merry Christmas

and a good 2014

PS In my parents' young days, sheep grazed in Kenwood.