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Charles Thuaine
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Dear Mr. Thuaine,

I am writing to object most strongly to the demolition of Atklore House.

In 2005, Planning Permission was given for a developer to build new flats in part of the grounds, providing he restored the main house. Having built the flats, the developer then sold the remaining site and house on to a new owner.

This new owner has applied for permission to demolish the house and replace it with a much larger mansion - unsuitable in both style and size for its position on the edge of the Heath - at the same time ignoring the promise to restore the house - a promise which was when sold on - has to be honoured.

The area of the new house would be over 60% larger than the existing house. This contravenes the rules on rebuilding houses in Metropolitan Open land such as the Heath. These rules were upheld in 2008 by the Court of Appeal in respect of the Gander House Site by Hampstead Heath - as a result of local action.

I have known and loved the Heath all my life - having lived at the above address since I was born in 1930 and would

be very sad if permission were to be given for such a house right on the edge of the Heath and immediately adjacent to Kenwood House which has recently been restored.

The part of the Heath immediately adjacent to the grounds of Atklyn House is known as "Cohen's Field" named after Sir Weyman Cohen who once owned Caen Wood Towers (now called Atklyn House) and who gave this part of his land to be added to the Heath for the enjoyment of the people.

