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Also by e-mail Charles.thuairé@camden.gov.uk

Dear Sir

Athlone House
Planning Application ref : 2013/7242/P

We write to **OBJECT** to the above named planning application . Our main objections are as follows :-

1. previous planning permissions(s) require the property to be retained and restored and as a condition to permit the construction of a number of flats on the site. We submit that it is unacceptable were the council to not only fail to enforce its original condition that Athlone house be restored but then to compound such failure by removing that condition altogether.

1. the proposed construction is, in any event, out of scale and inconsistent with its location adjacent to the Heath



From the Chair of the Highgate Society

with the support of the Heath &
Hampstead Society

Camden Hill

~~7281-2546~~

Athlone House

Oppose its destruction

~~CAMDEN 7974-4444~~

Amazingly Athlone House, one of the most cherished landmark buildings overlooking Hampstead Heath, is still under threat, despite proposals for its demolition having been decisively rejected by Camden Council and at Appeal.

Developers have now made a fresh application to demolish it.

It is critical that the case officer, Charles Thuaire, is made aware how strongly local residents oppose the scheme. Over 1,200 emails were sent to support Camden and the Inspectorate in rejecting the previous application. Another 500 are needed to make Athlone House safe from the developers' second attempt to destroy it.

That's why I'm personally asking you to express your views directly to:

Charles Thuaire, Case Officer, Camden Council

Charles.thuaire@camden.gov.uk

Your objection must be received no later than 31st December 2013. Quote reference number 2013/7242/P



View of Athlone House from Kenwood

Athlone House, on Hampstead Lane is one of London's finest Victorian houses. Picturesque views of Athlone House are enjoyed by millions of visitors to Hampstead Heath every year.

In 2005 planning permission was granted for the construction of new flats in the grounds of Athlone House. In exchange the developer agreed to maintain and restore Athlone House within three and a half years.

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Though the developer has by now benefited from the sale of the completed flats, the reciprocal obligation to maintain and restore Athlone House has NOT been enforced. A new owner is instead seeking further profit by replacing the house with a huge, ostentatious mansion in light coloured stone and of much greater area. The character of, and views from, the Heath would be irreversibly spoilt.

With the support of other amenity societies, we ask you to oppose this application on the grounds that:

- AGREE • Permission to erect the flats requires the house to be retained and restored - an obligation that has to be honoured even if the house is sold.
- AGREE • The house is rich in architectural detail both inside and out and we are convinced that it is still in good enough condition to be worth restoring, as you can see from the photos on www.highgatesociety.com **WE SHOULD TREASURE VICTORIAN HERITAGE!**
- I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE VERY IDEA OF AN INTRUSIVE NEW HOUSE. • 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 Garden House site by Hampstead Heath as a result of local action. **AN EYESORE!**
- The new house would be intrusive in size, scale, style, colours and detail, damaging the character of this popular area of the Heath immediately adjacent to the newly restored Kenwood House.

60% To save the building voice your objection strongly to **Charles Thuaire**, at Charles.Thuair@camden.gov.uk quoting reference number 2013/7242/P

• Use the information above or on the website www.Highgatesociety.com. But make sure you write in your own words.

Please act now! Every objection counts.

With many thanks for your help.


Kirsten de Keyser, Chair
The Highgate Society, 10a South Grove, London N6 6BS

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For information on the Highgate Society visit www.highgatesociety.com or on the Heath & Hampstead Society visit www.heathandhampsteadsociety.org.uk

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Visit <http://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/camden-council-save-athlone-house-from-destruction-2> to sign a local resident's on-line petition to save the house and watch a short video about the House. Do ask everyone you know to sign it too!

LEAFLET THROUGH LETTERBOX. I STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS, FROM HIGHGATE SOCIETY (AM NOT A MEMBER) AND STRONGLY OPPOSE THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS FINE BUILDING.

Mr Charles Thaine

Senior Planner

Camden Council

6th flr Town Hall Extension, 2005
Argyll St. WC1H 8BQ

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Environment

Dear Mr Thaine,

ATHLOWE HOUSE REF. 2013/7242/P

The developer have broken the 2005 contract to maintain and restore this landmark building within three and a half years in their greed for even more profit.

Camden Council previously rejected their application for demolition and an Appeal. I hope the Council will remain equally firm in preventing them from vandalising this important site: important architecturally and for the Health.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Charles Thuvaire
Case officer
Camden Council

tel. 8 445 1524

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Dear Sir,

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On a recent visit to Kenwood House, I am very concerned to learn about the possible future of Athlone House. As a regular visitor to the heath with a walking group to enjoy the views, fresh air etc., I am very upset that Athlone House (under a new owner) may be replaced by a new mansion, completely different to the valued area and views from the heath will be completely spoilt.

I sincerely hope you will take into account the views of the public regarding a much loved area in North London and do not give in to probably a very wealthy owner to build a monstrosity!

I am 85 years and do not own a computer but wish to raise a very strong objection as I love ^{visit the} heath and the views around.

Yours sincerely