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Dear Sir

I write to register my **very strong objection** to the proposed planning application for Athlone House, Hampstead Heath.

- Previous permission to build flats in the grounds of Athlone House required the developer to retain and restore the house – an obligation that has to be honoured even if the house is sold.
- The house is rich in architectural detail both inside and out and I have been convinced that it is still in good enough condition to be worth restoring.
- 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 Lane 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.
- 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. I personally think that the design and integrity of the new design of the house is totally out of character and far too ugly and ostentatious for a site of such significance.

Please do not allow this travesty to happen.

Yours sincerely

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