To Planners,

I would like to strenuously object to the development plans for The Water House on Millfield Lane, Highgate. I live in the neighbourhood

I use Millfield Lane everyday for exercise and pleasure and leisure with my two young children and my two dogs. I am extremely concerned that the apparent over-development of The Water House Site will cause untold damage to this very special and tranquil part of the Heath, over a sustained period of several years. I am also very concerned at the Health and Safety implications for pedestrians, cyclists, dogs, children and the elderly, all who use and enjoy the Heath. To say nothing of the birds and wildlife.

I am worried that there will be a lot of damage purely from the coming and going of many thousands of heavy lorries due to their weight on this road, pollution, and the clearing of trees and hedges to make way. I am also very concerned that a full hydrology report has not been undertaken, given that the house is directly opposite the ladies' bathing ponds and adjacent to the Heath. I am concerned that a complete Basement Impact Assessment has not been undertaken.

I am genuinely appalled that such a large development is being allowed and would like to know how it could possibly fit with Camden's plans for this beautiful area. It is so flabbergastingly out of odds with what the local neighbourhood and environment is about that one can only assume that a serious amount of money has "greased palms" to enable this development to take place.

I would like to register hereby my most strenuous objections until such time as you are able to provide complete and objective assessments of the environmental impact of this project. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Coline McConville

Dear Sirs / Madams

I am absolutely appalled that you are considering giving permission for Millfield Lane to be widened so as to give access to HGV goods to build a huge private house. Millfield Lane is a PUBLIC path used by dog walkers, children, parents, joggers etc - it is not a private lane belonging to the new owners of Water House. If Water House is not the size the new owners want then they should not have bought it.

Money should not be a deciding factor as to whether Millfield Lane is widened or not. There will be an impact on the Bird Sanctuary pond and other local properties. Trees will be destroyed as will hedgerow - dogs will have to be carried past the HGVs - a bit difficult if the dog is large and I do not want to have to put my dogs on leads because some person has bought a house that they want to rebuild.

I cannot believe that you are considering giving planning permission for this - what on earth would make you think that this was acceptable - other than a large sum of money changing hands. I strongly oppose this planning application and would appreciate it if you would take my comments into consideration.

Regards

Theresa Petts

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Chief Planning Officer, Environment & Development London Borough of Camden

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I object to the prospective damage to the present public amenity as enumerated by earlier respondents that will arise if this application is approved.

I also object that there is no prospective compensating public benefit envisaged, nor a bond lodged with the Council to secure settlement of any successful claims for loss arising from the development.

Regards

NA Solomon