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**From:** Alison Jefferies [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2013 19:37  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Thuaire, Charles  
**Subject:** The Water House Development

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To the Planning Department:

I am contacting you to register my great concern regarding the revised planning application for the above development. As I understand it, there is a suggestion that 'improvements' could be made to Millfield Lane in order to make it accessible for heavy vehicles. This really is completely contrary to one of the main functions of the Heath which is an outdoor space where young and old, abled and disabled, an enormous variety of London people, benefit from walking, cycling and dog-walking in this area. Our quality of life is being seriously threatened by a small group of people with very large amounts of money who wish to make even more money by sacrificing a vital public footpath and right of way in the name of 'development' for the few. Those of us who have been using Millfield Lane all our lives are greatly saddened by the need to have to campaign for something as basic as this. In addition to the prospect of losing Millfield Lane, I understand that large vehicles would be turning round opposite the entrance to the ladies swimming pond. It seems to me that this facility, which has been in use since the beginning of the century, would be ruined. Perhaps this is of no consequence to developers who are not actually users of the Heath but I would put in a plea for ordinary people whose lives are going to be greatly and negatively affected if this application goes through in its current form.

Alison Jefferies

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**From:** Bridget Leach [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2013 21:19  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Thuaire, Charles  
**Subject:** Planning application 2011/4390/P, The Water House  
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As a frequent user of Millfield Lane, the Heath and the Ladies Pond I would like to comment on the proposed plans for this site. I am very concerned at the amount of disruption, in the short and long term, of this development and am very much against it.

I use Fitzroy Park as a walker or cyclist and in the last year the traffic at the bottom of the lane near the Heath has been very very bad indeed because of the building works. Today I was held up on my way both to the Heath, and coming away from it, by massive heavy duty lorries which can barely fit along the lane (they leave a very small space either side for walkers or bikers, residents' cars needing access to thier homes have to back up and wait a long time). It is downright dangerous despite the fact that they have got people on traffic duty in the lane. I was waiting beside a woman with a pram and she could just not pass.

I mention Fitzroy Park because clearly any large construction project so near the lanes beside the Heath, such as the one proposed for the Water House, **has already been proven to** have a very bad effect on users of the Heath and local residents, who manifestly outnumber those who will benefit from changes proposed to the Water House. Hundreds of people all the year around use Millfield Lane for a quiet walk by the Heath as well access to the Pond. The area has a particular and special atmosphere with its trees and wildlife and as such is an integral part of London, the idea of this proposed construction with the noise and disruption along an unsuitable narrow lane which **WILL** occur, in my view seems pretty much like madness. This is before one even considers the long term impact on the plant life either side of the lane, the effects on the ecology and water in the nearby Ladies Pond by the excavations that will take place.

I would like to urge the planning committee to consider how badly this development will affect a very special area loved and used by thousands of people. Surely a development on anything like the scale proposed is simply just plain wrong?

Yours sincerely

Bridget Leach  
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**From:** CAROL MURPHY [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2013 15:41  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Thuaire, Charles  
**Subject:** Application Reference 2011/4390/P  
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I want to object in the strongest terms to this Application.

It is a very worrying Application from the point of view of all the people who ever use the Heath.

Firstly, it is obviously impossible for HGVs to use Millfield Lane without irrevocably damaging its unique qualities. No heavy traffic can reach The Water House without causing damage to the environment. I was there three or four mornings ago and watched while a large articulated lorry with crane and tractor aboard, spent twenty minutes or so negotiating its way out.

And not just the environment. The lane is in constant use by walkers, runners, bicyclists, swimmers, children, families with their dogs, and people with all manner of abilities and disabilities. Heavy traffic is an obvious risk and danger to all these people.

We read of "improvements" to Millfield Lane. So-called "improvements" are not required. We prefer it as it is, without the damage caused by traffic to the plant life on the verges.

There is also likely to be an adverse impact on the water quality in the ponds caused by the disturbances.

The noise and dust inevitably generated by the suggested work, will be entirely deleterious. We already suffer from the noisy work on the nearby Fitzroy Farm.

I urgently beg you to consider these objections and to reject the Application.

Yours,

Carol Murphy  
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**From:** Dorothy Boswell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2013 08:02  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Thuair, Charles  
**Subject:** Water House---2011/4390/P

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I am very concerned about the way in which this will effect Millfield Lane.  
I used this lane every day to visit the Ladies' Pond. It would be very dangerous to allow it to be used by traffic.  
The building work in this area has had a huge impact on the heath in recent times and it seems it will continue to be a building site with all the dust and noise that involves for years to come.  
I notice that there is no name on the application and wonder if this house will ever actually be used as a home or is it yet another safe deposit account as so many other houses in this area are.

D. Boswell

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**From:** ELISABETH WATERHOUSE [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2013 20:56  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Water House Millfield Lane---2011/4390/P  
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Dear Sirs - with regard to the planning application for WATER HOUSE which is on the edge of the Heath - it appears to have only one access - ie down Millfield Lane. Many many people use this pathway to go to the Ladies Pond, to Kenwood etc and the idea of enormous lorries filling up the width of the lane will make it very difficult for walkers (with or without dogs) or cyclists. The pollution will be bad !

Is the council aware of the fact that there is an access from Fitzroy Park? There is a gate with Water House written on it !! Could not that access be used in some way ? So many houses are being demolished and rebuilt along that road, it would seem sensible to use *that* access even if it means taking a couple of yards on either side for a limited time in order to allow the heavy machinery space enough.

What does the Council have in mind for the use of these enormous buildings? Are they really for single families? Or are they commercial enterprises ? There must be some agreement as to the use of these buildings - otherwise they will become hotels soon enough.

Please find a way round this dilemma - in hopes - regards - Elisabeth Waterhouse

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**From:** Lesley Witt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2013 21:49  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Thuair, Charles  
**Subject:** The Water House---2011/4390/P

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I have been following the application for development at The Water House in Millfield Lane and wish to oppose it.

I use Millfield Lane on a regular basis for both walks on Hampstead Heath and swimming in the Ladies Pond.

The delight of this area is having free access to an unspoilt wooded area in the heart of London.

The access lane is narrow and very well used by walkers, swimmers, dog walkers, runners and cyclists. As such the introduction of heavy traffic to and from the site would, in my view, cause danger and inconvenience to the thousands of people who use this area daily. Large vehicles up and down Millfield are already causing chaos on a day to day basis with a permanent official sitting throughout the day at the bottom of the lane where it abuts the Heath in order to direct traffic.

For the many hundreds of people who swim in the Ladies Pond on a regular basis and those walking past, which must run in the thousands, the danger and inconvenience of heavy vehicles turning right outside the entrance to the ponds with the accompanying noise, dirt, dust will be extremely exacerbated.

In addition there is likely to be an adverse effect on wild life and may well impact on the water quality of surrounding ponds.

Last but not least, the "improvements" to the lane would appear to be mainly for the convenience of a few families. Part of the attraction of this lane and the surrounding area is specifically the rustic and rural feel effect it has. To upgrade it to make it suitable for heavy and increased traffic seems to be defying the object of living and visiting such a lovely area and will most likely achieve the complete opposite - in fact a very adverse "development".

Thank you for taking my views into consideration.

Lesley Witt

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**From:** Marsha Sanders [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2013 09:03  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Thuair, Charles  
**Subject:** Water House Development comments

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To Whom it may concern

I would like to register my concerns and comments about the proposed redevelopment of the Water House in Fitzroy Park.

As a regular and longstanding swimmer at the Ladies Pond and a local resident and frequent Heath user, I am concerned about the disruption and damage that will result from yet another development on this precious natural location.

The HGV traffic is ill suited to the rare rustic nature of the road and it would be a great shame to lose these qualities if the road were to be upgraded simply to accommodate more luxurious development. The heavy traffic also puts at risk the regular Heath walkers, runners and cyclists, who should be the priority here. There has already been a major sustained impact on the Ladies Pond and surroundings from the incessant noise and dust caused by works at Fitzroy Farm. We should not have to put up with more.

But, more importantly, I am most concerned about the impact on the quality of the water at the pond. The Ladies Pond is a unique gem in the middle of London that is a haven for swimmers and for wildlife and should be preserved as such at all costs

Your faithfully

Marsha Sanders

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**From:** Mary Adshead [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2013 23:39  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** The Water House consultation - planning application 2011/4390/P  
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To whom it may concern re Planning Application 2011/4390/P

I am very alarmed about the proposed building plans to the Water House, and I urge Camden council to soundly reject this planning application, as highly damaging to the local environment, and detrimental to the welfare of many heath users (members of the public trying to relax in nature), including small children.

The building work will be highly disruptive for at least a couple of years; does Camden council seriously think it fair that the selfishness and greed of the Water House owners regarding their completely unnecessary two basement extension, should take priority over the wellbeing of countless innocent members of the public (including many Camden voters)?

I have seen the Friends of Millfield Lane video of a lorry in Millfield lane, and completely agree with their views expressed re the dangers of heavy traffic and the difficulty of turning, (even using the Womens' pond entrance).


As a regular womens' pond swimmer I am absolutely against this proposed development.

- Pedestrians, cyclists, runners will be at risk from the impact of heavy construction lorries in Millfield Lane .
- Other traffic to and from the site using Millfield Lane would also be at risk.
- The pond entrance is unsuitable for large vehicles turning there to access the Water House opposite, and I do not want the pond entrance widened!
- The current natural state of the lane is loved by lots of people and we do not want any "Improvements" to the lane to make it suitable for heavy traffic. We go to the heath to get away from traffic!
- The plant life either side of the lane could easily be seriously damaged by traffic, even the trees.
- Construction work would probably impact on water quality of all the ponds nearby.
- Noise and dust will make the area unpleasant and unhealthy for all of us trying to relax there, and in the nearby area.
- The public has already suffered noise from Fitzroy Farm. Enough is enough, please reject this planning application.



yours sincerely,

Mary Adshead



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**From:** R. Long [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 04 September 2013 12:33  
**To:** Thuaire, Charles  
**Cc:** Planning  
**Subject:** planning applications 2011/4390/P and 2011/4392/C

I have tried to access objections on the website and failed, so am emailing you direct.  
It is only a short time ago that after a meeting with the council we all walked the route down Millfield Lane that the construction lorries would take. Although the developers suggested all manner of ways to mitigate the impact of traffic the adjudicator turned the application down. Nothing has changed in the lane, except that there are more pedestrians than ever enjoying their walk.  
Any lorries would have to turn in the entrance to the Ladies Pond, the water House has no right of way further along.  
The noise from Fitzroy Farm is considerable, the nearer noise from this proposed development would be unbearable, and detrimental to the wildlife in the bird sanctuary.  
Any underground works would impact on the water table, and would cause pollution to the pond and bird sanctuary.  
I thought Camden was taking a stand against any more basements?  
regards  
Ray Long  
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**From:** sue beecraft [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2013 07:38  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Water House development, Millfield Lane, Application No: 2011/4390/P  
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I am a regular user of the Heath and women's pond. I am extremely concerned about the impact on Millfield Lane and the women's pond of the proposed development re degradation of the lane, surrounding natural environment, safety of the users of the lane, noise in both the short and long term. Regular vehicular use of this public right of way by HGV in the short term and private vehicles in the long term is extremely worrying and would be damaging.

I look forward to your reply on all these counts.

Susan Beecraft, MA