

From: Lesley Witt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 04 August 2014 14:07
To: Planning
Subject: Application No 2014/4332/P

City of London dam works on Hampstead Heath

I wish to appeal against the works planned on Hampstead Heath.

I use the Heath on a very regular basis for walking and Kenwood House events plus using the cafe. I'm a member of the Kenwood society and I swim most days in the Ladies Pond and have done so for the past 35 years.

I have studied the plans carefully and it would seem that the City of London are planning these major works to avoid a possibility of future flooding and possible loss of life based on a risk factor of a 1:400,000 chance of maximum flood.

This would seem an illogical model to use and the scale of proposed works would seem to be out of all proportion to the risk factor. They would appear to have ignored the results of their own limited consultation exercise and do not appear to have considered any other possible alternatives.

The work does not appear to be a requirement of the 1975 Reservoirs Act and takes no account of an evacuation measures that Camden Council already have in place in case of possible flooding, such as early warning, evacuation etc.

Under the Hampstead Heath Act the City of London is required to preserve the natural state and aspect of the Heath. The Heath is used every day by many people including walkers, runners, swimmers, families with children and visitors to London.

Work planned would take at least 2 years and cause massive disruption not only to people using the Heath but wildlife, the environment, loss of 160 mature trees and very importantly the nature and usage of all the ponds.

In over 300 years of existence the ponds on the Heath have not collapsed or caused any major flooding. We have just experienced one of the wettest winters on record with no ill effects to the ponds.

It would seem to me that the proposed outlay in excess of £17 million could well be much better used.

So far as the Ladies pond is concerned which, as you will see above I use regularly, there are proposals to close this for over 7 months, with restricted swimming available at the other ponds.

The design overall of the new facilities at the Ladies pond seem acceptable other than the proposal for a single narrow entrance to the deck area and changing rooms which will cause congestion at busy periods and the single point of exit from the proposed lifeguard facilities makes no provision for alternative emergency exit with a blind spot from the back of the office area affording no view of the south meadow. An emergency exit door here facing the south meadow, with a suitable glazed panel, would effectively and simply resolve both issues.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

Kind regards
Lesley Witt

[REDACTED]

From: Christine Prowse <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 04 August 2014 14:11
To: Planning
Subject: works on Hampstead Heath

To Whom it may Concern

I am seriously concerned about the waste of public money and the effect on the Heath of your planned works. The plans seem way over the top and certainly an over-reaction to perceived problems.

Christine Prowse

[REDACTED]

From: vivien goldsmith <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 04 August 2014 14:22
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application - 2014/4332/P

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I wish to object to this planning application on the grounds that it is a grossly disproportionate response to the danger, and has been based on an incorrect interpretation of the law.

The dam work would blight the heath in terms of amenity and wildlife for years and cause lasting damage to a treasured gem of London.

Yours Sincerely

Vivien Goldsmith
51 Cross Street
London
N1 2BB

[REDACTED]

From: Dinah Marmery [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 August 2014 15:03
To: Planning
Subject: Objection to proposed building of dams at Hampstead Heath

I am writing to register my objection to the proposed building of dams at Hampstead Heath ponds on the grounds that they are not necessary and will severely damage the unique nature of this beautiful part of Hampstead Heath. I understand that independent experts and many evaluations over the years have concluded that building bigger dams for the ponds is not necessary so I urge you to reconsider and abandon the plan for such extensive and disruptive works. I visit Hampstead Heath at least once a week and would hate for it to be damaged and permanently scarred in this way.

Dinah Marmery
18 Warner Road
London N8 7HD

[REDACTED]

From: gordon montgomery <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 04 August 2014 15:28
To: Planning
Subject: Planning application no. 2014/4332/P

I believe that the modelling for this proposed work is flawed and makes unrealistic assumptions that are not applied to any other major London flood protection measure and I object to its being passed.

Gordon Montgomery

Partner Talent Management

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

From: Agapi Pachnis [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 August 2014 16:02
To: Planning
Subject: SAVE PONDS

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to voice my objection to the works proposed by the Camden Council, regarding the ponds in Hamstead Heath.

This is a unique and beautiful natural environment, vital to the life of London and enjoyed by millions of visitors.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kind regards

Dr Agathe Pachnis
70 Salcombe Gardens
London NW7 2NT

[REDACTED]

From: Dan Anton [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 August 2014 16:09
To: Planning
Subject: Application number: 2014/4332/P

Dear Sirs

As a long standing resident in NW3 and as someone who spends a significant amount of time on the Heath, I write to adamantly object to the City of London Corporation's plans in respect of the above application number.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Anton

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Hart <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 04 August 2014 16:13
To: Planning
Subject: Hampstead Ponds 'Improvements'

I wish to add my protest to those you have already received
Claude R Hart



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From: Kate Kentish [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 August 2014 16:31
To: Planning
Subject: APPLICATION NUMBER 2014/4332/P.

Grounds for Objection:

Dumper Trucks and tankers will close the ponds and part of the Heath for over 2 years.
Catchpit Valley the pond will be obliterated by a massive dam.
2.5m dam expected at the Men's Pond and a concrete wall below it.
Massive reconstruction of the model Boating Point.
Giant spillways gouged between ponds.
More than 160 trees cut down- many of them mature.
These and other plans will devastate this unique and beautiful natural environment.

The City of London has based its plans on UNREALISTIC COMPUTER MODELLING THAT ASSUMED THE COLLAPSE OF ALL EXISTING DAMS ; NO WARNING AND NO EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE VERY WORST KIND OF STORM EVER POSSIBLE PREDICTED TO HAPPEN ONLY ONCE IN 400,000 YEARS!
THIS IS SIMPLY TOO FAR FETTERED.

Kindest,
Kate.

Kate Kentish

[REDACTED]

General enquiry form - Ref. 9566849

Customer

First Name

Name

My enquiry is

David

Taylor

Dear Camden Planning Department, I object the the Dam Construction Project for the following reasons:

The City of London has based its plans to construct new dams on unrealistic computer modelling that has assumed the collapse of all existing dams. Not only that but there would be too many trees felled in this beautiful part of Hampstead Heath and also dumper trucks churning up the soil, tankers would close the ponds for several years and stop people using these popular areas of the heath over 2 years.

If there was no warning and no emergency services, the very worst kind of storm ever possible would happen only every 400,000 years so the risk threshold is so far fetched, local sewers would fail in a flood event with a probability of once every 70 years.

Even the Thames Barrier is only built to manage the sort of flood predicted to occur once every 1,000 years.

Instead of constructing these dams, softer measures would fulfil the City of Londons legal obligations rather than destroy an area of the Heath that so many people enjoy the facilities there.

I sincerely hope you will carefully consider these objections and thank you for your attention with a matter that affects the unspoilt parts of Hampstead Heath.

Yours sincerely, David Taylor.

I would like to be contacted by

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