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**Sent:**

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03 August 2014 19:39

**To:**

Planning; "<planning">@camden.gov.uk

**Subject:**

Objection to Planning Application for Hampstead Heath Dams and Ponds Project  
Ref 2014/4332/P

I write to respectfully request that Camden Council reject the planning application from the City of London seeking permission to build and enlarge dams on Hampstead Heath.

It is my view that the City of London's proposed dam works will permanently disfigure the Heath, and will not eliminate the risk of downstream flooding or loss of life which the City of London claims these proposals will address. The City's rationale for these works refer to a computer model of a 1 in 400,000 year "probable maximum flood" and works that would "virtually eliminate" the risk of dam collapse in the event of this flood. The proposed works specify massive dams, spillways, concrete walls and embankments which have not proved necessary to date and seem unlikely to be necessary in the future. They would involve the felling of at least 160 trees, damage to the Heath and its wildlife, and would ruin the amenities available for swimming in the natural beauty of the Heath's bathing ponds.

The works would contravene the Hampstead Heath Act of 1871 which requires that Hampstead Heath be preserved in its "natural aspect and state".

Yours

Peter Wilkinson

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**From:** TARIQ ALI [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 August 2014 20:29  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Application Number 2014/4332/P

From: Tariq Ali, 12 Grange Road, London N6 4AP

I would like to strongly object to the plans designed to wreck the Heath and shut down the ponds for what is likely to be much more than two years. The City of London has based this plan on computer modelling which is completely far-fetched and makes one wonder which private companies connected to which individuals are going to make a lot of money from this scheme. In recent years builders have boasted that they can bribe people in every London Council to get their way. This, too, sounds like an exaggeration, but in an event Camden Council should stand firm and seriously study the alternative schemes being recommended by independent experts.

Your etc.,  
Tariq Ali

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**From:** Sam Cronin - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 August 2014 21:12  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Objection to Application number 2014/4332/P

Dear Camden Planning

We would like to submit an objection against the construction works outlined in application 2014/4332/P which will affect the heath and particularly its swimming ponds.

For many years these ponds have been a source of great comfort - many other swimmers who we have come to know through our swims are devoted to these ponds not only for the physical health benefits but see these as a great source of mental wellbeing.

We are deeply concerned about the closure planned for the ponds, and the great number of mature trees which will be cut down that create the unique settings of the ponds.

We wonder whether the required flood protection could not be better achieved with less destructive measures.

This is a truly unique environment of great natural beauty and one of London's greatest assets.

Kind regards

Sam Cronin and Maayan Ashkenazi  
88 Archway Road

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**From:** Helen Bolderson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 August 2014 21:12  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Save the Hampstead Ponds

I would like to lodge my objection to the construction works on the Heath and the big changes that will be made to the ponds if the plans go ahead in 1915.

I would like to know to what extent the City of London is strictly obliged to let the Heath undergo this monstrous change. The Heath represents peace and health and freedom from worries- a great gift for the people of London, and, ironically, a place that is beautifully cared for by the City of London.

Helen Bolderson - resident in Camden since 1959

Dr Helena Bolderson  
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**From:** Grace Livingstone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 August 2014 21:22  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Planning Application No. 2014/4332/p

I would like to object to the proposed building of dams on Hampstead Heath - Planning Application No. 2014/4332/p.

I think it is likely that this work is unnecessary and that taking other measures, such as improving existing dams and improving the Heath's natural capacity to absorb water, would be better.

The new dams are going to destroy an area of great natural beauty and I would like the City of London to re-consider thoroughly all the options before it goes ahead with this very destructive plan.

I therefore would like Camden to oppose this planning application.

yours faithfully  
Grace Livingstone

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**From:** Prem [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 August 2014 21:31  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Markwell, Jonathan  
**Subject:** Planning Reference 2014/4332/P  
**Attachments:** Simon Dams Project.pdf

Planning Reference 2014/4332/P

Having been a regular user of Hampstead Heath since the war. I have to object to plans that the City of London have put forward to comply with the Dams and Reservoirs Act 1975 as Amended. I'm not sure if I am right but if the City of London comply with the Dams and Reservoirs Act 1975 'which states that the three dams concerned should be able to pass a 1 in 10,000 year storm safely', then that Act takes precedence over the Hampstead Heath 1871 Act. As they are planning for a 1 in 400,000 year storm (assuming the human race is still alive on this planet). This then brings their plans into contravention of the Hampstead Heath 1871 Act, as they are not necessary for the Dams and Reservoirs Act 1975.

I also suspect that the digging out of the West Bank of the Model Boating Pond will also be in contravention of the Hampstead Heath 1871 Act, as it is not a requirement of the Dams and Reservoirs Act 1975. The digging out of this bank and the modifications that they intend to do, would change the use of this pond, as any boats that sail on it could get caught in the reed beds and then not be recoverable. This would also take away wheelchair access to the West Bank. Both for wheelchair based anglers and wheelchair based general public. This will leave the East bank of the Model Boating Pond as the only wheelchair access on the Highgate and Hampstead chain of ponds.  
This pond should remain as is.

The modifications to the dam at the Mixed Swimming and number Two Pond on the Hampstead Heath chain would remove the only wheelchair access to that side of Hampstead Heath and should not be carried out as it is considered to be one of the strongest dams on the Heath.

The City of London and their planners are telling us that all the Dams on Hampstead Heath could collapse at the same time, hence their excessive planning. This is absolutely ridiculous. The plans that I put forward to the City of London required that all dams should be strengthened and pass down double the amount of water. There were 3 6 foot pipes putting by them then water board, after the 1975 floods. Which incidentally were not caused by, either of the Hampstead or the Highgate chain of ponds, also they did not overtop. THESE PLANS SHOULD BE THROWN OUT.

I have taken the liberty to attach the plans that I put forward to the City of London in PDF format, for reference purposes.

Prem Holdaway  
[REDACTED]

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Simon,

At the last meeting you asked Jeremy Wright and the Heath and Hampstead society if they had any plans to put forward in respect of the ponds project. Well, I should like to put forward, once again. The proposals I made some 2 1/2 years ago, only now with quite a bit of modification.

My original proposal was for 18 inch pipes. I now amend that to 18 inch or greater. I also originally started from the 2 Kenwood ponds (not knowing they were not under your control) and I notice they are not being asked to store water, especially on the 2nd pond which drains into the stock pond. These ideas are obviously open to anybody's interpretation and improvements. I will start from the stock pond in the Highgate chain.

The stock pond should be lowered back to its original level before the modifications that were carried out to comply with the reservoirs act 1975 as enacted. This was some 4 to 5 inches lower.

There should be two 18 inch or greater pipes in each corner, at least 4 feet away from the left and right bank, with at least one at the original water level. The dam should be raised by 1' to 1'6" only with possibly the 2nd 18 inch or greater pipe, approximately 3 inches below the new crest. This will allow storage of water. The front faces of all dams where possible should be Armco and the rear of the dam at the pathway width, should also be Armco and probably not to the same depth as the front face. All pipework should be cast-iron. Once past the path width, then concrete could be used. These both have the same Reynolds number (100). Anything higher will only slow down the flow of the water. The pipework should also go directly to the water of the next pond with its exit above the level of the water to the next pond, thus not impeding its flow until the level of that pond starts to rise which would then act as a brake. This should allow the water to rise in the previous pond up to the next output pipe, thus storing some water.

The ladies swimming should also be treated in exactly the same way as the stock pond, assuming that the water level is above its pre-1975 level, also raising the dam by 1' to 1'6" only and the pipework going into the bird sanctuary up to the water's edge. As done in the stock pond to lady swimming pond.

The bird sanctuary should also have its water level restored, which was some 2 foot lower than it now is. This originally had 3 steps of approximately 6 inches high, with approximately a 2 foot tread, then a wooden platform, the same as the boating pond with the water approximately 6 inches below that. This should have four 18 inch or greater pipes with two in each corner and at least 4 feet apart with at least one at the original water level. The dam crest should be raised again by 1' to 1'6" only.

The boating pond should also have its water level restored, which was some 6 to 8 inches lower and again the dam crest raised by 1' to 1'6". This should also have 4 overflow pipes of 18 inch or greater, 2 in each corner, at least 4 feet apart and at least one at water level.

The men's swimming should also have its water level restored at some 6 inches lower. Again this dam should be raised by 1' to 1'6" with the same arrangement of pipework and sizes as the bird sanctuary and boating pond.

The number one pond should also have its water restored to its original level, although all the alterations that have been done in contravention of the Hampstead Heath 1871 act makes it hard to see what the new height is in relation to the old height. This dam should have new pipes of a similar design to the drawing and at least 24 inches in diameter or greater.



The Hampstead chain of ponds.

The Vale of health should have its water level restored, which was approximately 4 inches lower than it is now with the dam raised no more than 1' to 1'6" higher. The first outlet to this dam should probably be a boxed culvert going into an 18 inch or greater pipe the pipe should outlet into the next pond above the water level as in the Highgate chain. A second pipe on this pond may not be needed as it has a smaller catchment area. If one is needed, then it could be similar to the drawing.

The viaduct pond once again should have its water level lowered to its original which was some 6 inches lower with one pipe 18 inches or greater in each corner. This dam would also benefit by being raised by 1' to 2' and its crest widened by at least 2 feet and Armco on both faces. As there has been fencing on both the left and right banks of this pond in contravention of the Hampstead Heath 1871 act. This would allow anglers to fish from the dam and the public to get pass safely.

The mixed swimming should have its water level lowered, which was some 4 inches lower and one 18 inch pipe or greater in one corner and two 18 inch or greater pipes at least 4 feet apart in the other corner. The dam could also be raised by 1 foot only.

The Hampstead number two pond. This pond is again some 4 to 6 inches higher than it used to be and should be bought back to its original level with the same arrangement of pipework as in the mixed swimming. Once again the dam should be raised only by 1 foot.

The Hampstead number one pond. This pond I believe, again to be some 6 inches higher in water level than it used to be. As public access to both the Highgate number one and this pond has been very restricted by the planting of various foliage's with only small access areas. This is in contravention of the 1871 act.

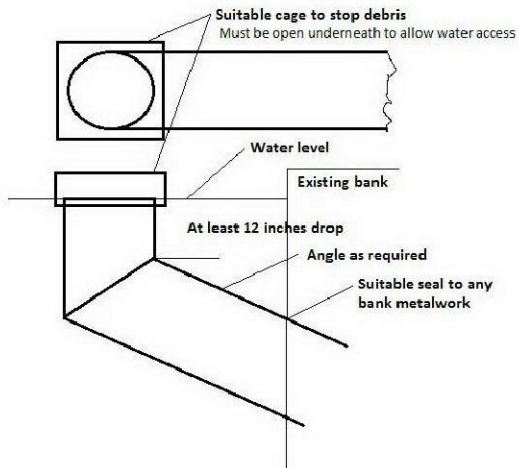
This Hampstead number one pond should also have a 24 inch pipe at water level and one 24 inch or greater at some 4 to 6 inches below the top of the dam.

This design should comply with the dams and reservoirs act 1975 as amended and the flood and water management act 2010 which states that the dams should be capable of passing a one in 10,000 year flood. This would also meet the Hampstead Heath 1871 act under the clause "as far as may be preserved" with minimum amount of visual damage.

All dams should have their leading edge and trailing edge, reinforced with Armco and the ground at the trailing edge of the Armco bought up to the top of the Armco. This should then be Tarmacked to the width of the path plus overlapping the trailing Armco, where possible.

As the Hampstead Heath 1871 act states: "And whereas it would be of great advantage to the inhabitants of the metropolis if the Heath were always kept uninclosed and unbuilt on, it's natural aspect and state being as far as may be preserved".

The wording and its meaning should be very carefully studied.



This is the suggested style of pipework which should be made of cast iron. Concrete could be used once past the width of the pathway. This style may not be possible between the bird sanctuary and boating pond.

Prem Holdaway  
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**From:** Thierry Bros [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 August 2014 22:10  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Objections application 2014/4332/P

Re: Planning application ref: 2014/4332/P

Dear Sirs,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the planning application that would see massive dams destroying parts of the Heath.

I'm against the pond being closed for over 2 years and trees being cut down. I believe softer measures that would fulfill the city's legal obligations should be implemented instead of the proposed planning.

Kind regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 August 2014 22:21  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Planning application no 2014/4332/P

Dear Sirs,

I have been swimming in the Ladies' Pond for nearly 40 years, and it is still one of the most unique locations in the whole of Southern England. The ponds are managed well, and despite the large number of visitors, they have kept their unique flavour.

It would therefore be a crime to tamper with their natural habitat, which would surely have a devastating effect on both humans and animals/flora alike. I would therefore urge you to reject the proposed unnecessary work.

Yours faithfully,  
Monika Dorre  
NW11

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** lucy orgill <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 03 August 2014 22:39  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Application no 2014/4332/P

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the planning application (2014/4332/P) regarding the filling in of Hampstead Heath mixed bathing pool. It is one of the few things that is both affordable and unique for people to enjoy in London.

It would be a real shame if this was to be taken away especially considering that lawyers have argued that homes and lives could be better protected by other, less drastic means.

Sincerely  
Lucy Orgill