

Comments Form

Name..... Helen Mary Hardie

Address..... 107, South Hill PK, NW3 2SP

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Telephone number..... [REDACTED]

Planning application number..... 2014/4332/P

Planning application address..... Many High chains of ponds.

~~I support the application (please state reasons below)~~



I object to the application (please state reasons below)



Your comments

Nothing that any 'Surveyor' or
'Planning officer' has said has
convinced me that this work
is really necessary!

H M Hardie

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Name... SALLY ADAMS

Address... 95 SOUTH HILL PARK NW3 2SP

Email address... 

Telephone number... 

Planning application number... 2014/4332 P

Planning application address... Hampstead Highgate chains of ponds

I support the application (please state reasons below)



I object to the application (please state reasons below)



Your comments

I wish to object to the above application as I consider the design & layout of the plan far too extensive & wholly out of character with an area of the Heath which is visually striking & much used.

S Adams

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Name..... DEBORAH MOGGACHAddress..... 95 SOUTH END RD. NW3 2RT

Email address..... [REDACTED]

Telephone number..... [REDACTED]

Planning application number..... 2014/4332/PPlanning application address..... Hampstead Highgate (chain of ponds)

I support the application (please state reasons below)

☐

I object to the application (please state reasons below)

☐

Your comments

This plan is utterly insane - during the terrible floods of last year, for instance, not one property suffered.

It will result in wholesale destruction of the most beautiful landscape, cause huge environmental damage to plants, trees & wildlife, and all for something totally unnecessary. Everyone I've spoken to is in utter despair about this. And extremely angry.

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Name..... P & C Vita-Finzi

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Telephone number..... [REDACTED]

Planning application number..... 2014/4332/P

Planning application address..... Hamstead + Highgate chains of ponds

I support the application (please state reasons below)



NR I object to the application (please state reasons below)



Your comments

Our objections to the proposed works are

1) the work is unnecessary

a) There is ample provision for overflow and underground drainage

b) The statistical basis for an extraordinary storm is spurious. One of us has investigated fluvial hydrology in many parts of the world (Vita-Finzi, C (ed.) 2012 River History, *Phil Trans Royal Society A* 370, 2027-2263) and has rarely encountered a flood forecast based on such flimsy data let alone seen projects justified to cope with such a highly improbable event.

2) The work would seriously damage the Heath's aesthetic value both during construction and once it is completed.

Dr P J Vita-Finzi, MA, PhD; Prof C Vita-Finzi, MA, ScD, FBA

Please continue on extra sheets if you wish



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Name..... Sara Wheeler

Address..... 8 South Hill Park, London NW3 2SB

Email address..... [REDACTED]

Telephone number..... [REDACTED]

Planning application number..... 2014/4332/P

Planning application address..... H+H Chain of Ponds

☒ Support the application (please state reasons below)

☐ Object to the application (please state reasons below)

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Your comments

① I live with my family in the area notionally most exposed to flooding: 1 in 400,000 chance.

② I object on the following grounds:

- there is no evidence that the City Corp is required to do this work. The arguments are at least evenly balanced by proper judicial authority rather than the City's paid consultants
- the matter is too important to be handled at a meeting. It is by a local authority. Rejecting the application would permit the City to appeal, leaving the matter to be decided by an inspector, probably at a hearing open to the public. The City and the Council are bound in their duty by the relevant legislation to preserve the health. Allowing this application would be a dereliction of that duty.

Please continue on extra sheets if you wish

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Name. Max Harper

Address. 58 South Hill Park

Email address. [REDACTED]

Telephone number. —

Planning application number. 2014/14332/1P

Planning application address. Hampstead & Highgate Parks, Hampstead Heath

I support the application (please state reasons below) ☐

I object to the application (please state reasons below) ☒

Your comments



This is a ridiculous and unnecessary proposal. This should not even be considered after the evidence that has been put forward against it

This is quite frankly an awful proposal which will directly affect the area negatively. You should be prioritising other key areas of work in the borough not wasting time on this

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Name.....NICHOLAS HADAWAY AND LAURA ANDREKE.....

Address.....59 SOUTH HILL PARK, LONDON NW3 2SS.....

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Telephone number.....[REDACTED].....

Planning application number.....2014/4332/P (2013/7231/P: 2014/0320/P).....

Planning application address.....HARPSTEAD + HIGHGATE CHAINS OF PONDS (2014/2149/P).....

I support the application (please state reasons below)

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I object to the application (please state reasons below)

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Your comments

These proposals will, if implemented, disfigure the Heath. The engineers say they have taken no account whatever of the environmental damage which their works would cause to the Heath, and have made no attempt to balance it against the elimination of an extremely remote chance of the flood on which they have based their calculations. Nor have they taken any account of the City's statutory obligation to keep the Heath "in its natural aspect".

The proposed works will also block my 8-year old daughter's route to school (on the footpath between Harpstead no 1 + no 2 ponds). ~~Block~~ The longer route which she will have to take is significantly more dangerous.

Comments Form

Name... MR. P. BEAKEN.....

Address... 8 SPENCER HOUSE, VALE OF HEALTH, LONDON, NW3 1AS.....

Email address.....

Telephone number.....

Planning application number... 2011/4332/P... 2013/7231/P... 2014/0320/P... 2014/2149/PRE.....

Planning application address... HAMPSHIRE AND HIGHGATE CHAIN OF PONDS HAMPSHIRE
HEATH

I support the application (please state reasons below)

I object to the application (please state reasons below)



Your comments

SINCE THE RECORDED HISTORY OF THE WEATHER AFFECTING THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT DATING BACK 150 YEARS; AND OPEN TO EXAMINATION, EVERY DISTINCTION OF THIS COUNTRY'S WORST CONDITIONS HAVE OCCURED.

THERE HAS, OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME BEEN NO RECORDED BREACHES OF THE EXISTING DAM STRUCTURES, AND NO LOSS OF LIFE.

I THEREFORE BELIEVE THE CASE THAT THE APPLICANT IS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE, FOR WHAT WOULD BE A GHASTLY DISFIGUREMENT OF A WIDELY MUCH ENJOYED AND APPRECIATED ENVIRONMENT, IS FUNDAMENTALLY UNNECESSARY, UNPROVEN AND WITHOUT MERIT AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE REJECTED AND BETTER STILL ABANDONED.

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P. BEAKEN

16-7-2014

Comments Form

Name..... DAVID STRAHAN

Address..... 300 SOUTH HILL PARK NW3 2SB

Email address..... [REDACTED]

Telephone number..... [REDACTED]

Planning application number..... 2014/4332/P

Planning application address..... HAMPSHIRE + HIGHGATE PONDS.

I support the application (please state reasons below)

I object to the application (please state reasons below)



Your comments

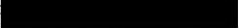
THE PROPOSED WORKS ARE ENTIRELY UNNECESSARY.
THE JUSTIFICATION OFFERED BY CITY OF
LONDON - THAT THEY ARE OBLIGED TO
MITIGATE A ONE IN FOUR HUNDRED
THOUSAND YEAR RISK - IS ABSURD.
THAT'S LONGER THAN HUMANITY HAS
BEEN ON THE PLANET, AND A
LOWER PROBABILITY THAN MY ~~BEING~~
BRING HIT BY A PLANE WHILE
WORKING ON THE ROADS. PLEASE
DISMISS THIS NONSENSE.

Comments Form

Name..... Michael Stewart

Address..... 79 South Hill Park NW3 2SS

Email address.....

Telephone number..... 

Planning application number..... 2014/4332/P

Planning application address.....

I support the application (please state reasons below)

I object to the application (please state reasons below)



Your comments

I am unpersuaded that the proposed developments represent a reasonable reaction to an exceedingly unlikely contingency. The 2.5m high dam raising at the Model Boating Pond strikes me as particularly objectionable.

Comments Form

Name HELEN OPPENHEIMER
Address BEECHLEY COTTAGE, VALE OF HEALTH, N.W.5, LAM
Email address.....

Telephone number.....

Planning application number 2014 / 4332 / P

Planning application address ~~100 Tottenham Hall Road~~

H & H chains of ponds, H Heath

- ☒ support the application (please state reasons below)
☐ I object to the application (please state reasons below)

Your comments

There is no need to dam the ponds

In 1976 when there was a great deal of surface water, the ground was parched and hard, so the ground could not absorb it.

There is need to dig out and widen the streams which connect the ponds, so that water drains away effectively. This is what the City of London's millions should be spent on, not useless, ugly dams which are not required

25F, East Heath Road
LONDON NWS 1EB.

July 24th 2014.

Jonathan Markwell
Development Control Team

Dear Sir,

Recently the proposals for sealing off parts of the Heath for, what seems like unnecessary and avoidable work have come to my attention. The destruction of many trees, complete restructuring of attractive ponds and closure of ramois areas for up to two years seems entirely unjustifiable. The reasons given seem ludicrous. There is no guarantee that the work will stop future flooding from storms and the likelihood of collapse of the existing dams and escape of water extremely unlikely. I can see absolutely no reason or justification for this expensive and destructive scheme to take place.

Please note my absolute opposition,

Yours faithfully,

Paul Anderson.

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Name Dr Katherine Grici

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Email address.....

Telephone number [REDACTED]

Planning application number 2014/4332/P An. ref 2013 713/P

Planning application address Hampstead Highgate Chain of Ponds Hampstead Heath 2014/2449/PAC

I support the application (please state reasons below) ☒

I object to the application (please state reasons below) ☐

Your comments

If experts for the city of London, who will pay vast sums, thinks the needs doing I am guided by them.



Comments Form

Name..... DAVID BRIAN KNOX.....

Address..... 23 MERTON LANE N6 6NB.....

Email address..... [REDACTED].....

Telephone number..... [REDACTED].....

Planning application number..... 2014/4332/P.....

Planning application address..... HAMPSTEAD HEATH.....

~~I support the application (please state reasons below)~~

I object to the application (please state reasons below)



Your comments

THE WHOLE PONDS PROJECT IS PREPOSTEROUSLY
EXPENSIVE, OVER SCALE, ~~AND~~ A LIKELY EYESORE
AFTER TWO YEARS OF MUDDY DISRUPTION.

Michael Rose

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2014 12:35
To: 'planning@camden.gov.uk'
Cc: 'Susan Rose'
Subject: Heath Dams- planning objections M & SP Rose

SIGNED
COPY

To: Jonathan Markwell
Development Control Team
London Borough of Camden
Judd Street, London WC1H 8ND

Dear Mr Markwell
Heath Dams project: planning reference 2014/4332/P



We wish to object to the above planning application, which affects us personally as we live in Merton Lane, N6.


- The first reason for objection is that the application is premature until the challenge to the legal basis of the scheme which has been presented by the Heath and Hampstead Society, has been resolved. We understand that Camden Council is seeking its own legal advice and urge the Council to join with the Society in opposing the scheme in the High Court.
- Subject to the above, we oppose the scheme on the environmental and other grounds set out in the Judicial Review pre-action protocol letter served on the City of London by the Society's solicitors dated 30 June 2014. In brief, we object to the unrealistic modelling on which the scheme is predicated (assuming a giant storm with a 1 in

400000 year probability and the assumption of no warning or emergency services; the disfigurement of the Heath landscape by huge earthworks and excavations at Catchpit and Model Boating Pond, and concrete walls at the Men's bathing pond and Highgate No. 1 Pond; giant spillways and destructive excavation of the rising ground adjoining the model boating pond; tree loss, with over 160 trees to be felled; and at least 2 years of closure and disruption of popular parts of the Heath, closure of bathing ponds, heavy engineering plant and thousands of HGV movements, and devastating damage to wildlife.

Please confirm that our objection has been registered. We are writing to you with a signed hard copy of this email.

Yours faithfully


Michael Rose and Dr Susan Rose
Heath Winds
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London N6 6NA




Our ref :hs1178

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23 July 2014

Jonathan Markwell,
Development Control Team,
London Borough of Camden,
Town Hall,
Judd Street,
London
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SENT BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Markwell

PERSONAL OBJECTION to: Planning Reference 2014/4332/P: Hampstead and Highgate chains of ponds Hampstead Heath London

I object to the above Planning Application. I object as a Chartered Civil Engineer, as a member of the British Dams Society, as one who has studied in detail the technical aspects of the project for over 3 years, as a current member/former member of committees and working groups of the City of London for Hampstead Heath, and as a local resident who has lived next to Hampstead Heath for over 50 years.

I fully accept that some work is required to the dams on Hampstead Heath. However, the proposed work is grossly excessive, and is based on an illogical interpretation of risk, and a wrong understanding of the legal requirements.

In summary, I object to the proposed planning application on the following grounds:-

- It is based on a wrong interpretation of the legal requirements
- It is based on unrealistic modelling
- It will cause disfigurement of the Heath landscape
- It will entail major tree loss
- It will cause closure and disruption of parts of the Heath and adjacent residential area for over 2 years

However, I will focus on the first two points in my detailed objection below:-

1. The City of London have been told by their Supervising Dam Engineer, Dr Andy Hughes of Atkins, that they must comply with the Reservoirs Act 1975, which broadly states that there must be no accidental 'escape of water' from the reservoirs on Hampstead Heath onto the downstream communities. An 'accidental escape' is generally caused by a dam breach or collapse. The Institution of Civil Engineers [ICE] recommends that to comply with this requirement, dams above a community [such as Gospel Oak and South End Green] should be designed or modified to "virtually eliminate" the probability of dam collapse, in the event of a most severe or 'biblical' storm. This storm is defined as the PMF [Probable Maximum Flood] and has a probability of occurrence of 1 in 400,000 times, per annum

2. The dams on Hampstead Heath broadly are deficient as measured against this ICE recommendation, in that they do not have spillways for the safe passage of this 'biblical' flood. This Planning Application is thus aimed broadly to raise dams in the centre of each of the two chains of ponds [Hampstead and Highgate] to provide a temporary storage volume for flood water, and to construct spillways for the safe passage of excess flood water over the dams, without causing erosion and collapse, and an 'accidental release' of water downstream into the local community.
3. The Planning Application is solely designed to prevent dam breach, so that the City of London complies with its perceived legal obligations. It is not designed to reduce the amount of flood water that overtops the dams, or to reduce surface water flooding in the downstream communities.
4. This recommendation of the ICE is entirely sensible for most catchment areas in the UK. It is designed to ensure that a community some miles downstream of a reservoir would not suddenly be engulfed unawares and without warning of an escape of water from a breached dam on a hillside above the residents. Historically, there was major loss of life in the 18th and early 19th centuries due to dam collapse on upstream remote hills. This gave the impetus to enact the 1975 Reservoirs Act, and earlier legislation. As a result of this legislation, there have been no deaths due to dam collapse in the UK since 1929.
5. **However, there are very special circumstances regarding the dams on Hampstead Heath, which show that the above interpretation of risk, safety, and the law, is completely illogical, and leads to grossly excessive designs that do not give the required safety**
6. There are two key reports that are available on the City of London's Ponds Project website which demonstrate this, but which strangely do not form part of the Planning Application. I urge Camden to visit: <http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/hampstead-heath/ponds-project/Pages/Reports.aspx> and to examine and obtain copies of the following two posted reports:-
 - a) **Comparison between design and 1975 storms Haycock report**
http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/hampstead-heath/ponds-project/Documents/OS_HH_DP_1975stormcomparison.pdf
 - b) **Hampstead Heath Ponds Quantitative Risk Assessment – Interim Report 29-08-13**
<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/hampstead-heath/ponds-project/Documents/hampstead-heath-ponds-project-qra.pdf>
7. In broad terms, the 1975 storm, that covered the whole area around the Heath, and the Heath itself at approx. 50% or less than the 'biblical storm' that has been taken as the basis for design for the current dam project, flooded the basements and houses of the downstream areas within a few minutes of the start of the storm. 2,000 calls were made to the emergency services. There was no need for warning, as the storm itself provided the warning. This flooding was entirely due to sewer surcharge [insufficient sewer capacity, with excess flood water being discharged into houses from the sewers, rather than be carried away downstream].
8. The Quantitative Risk Assessment [QRA] on the current, existing dams, shows that if the PMF 'biblical' storm hit the whole of Hampstead Heath uniformly, and covered the whole Heath with 235mm of water in 9½ hours, then the Likely Loss of Life [LLOL] downstream **caused solely by 'safe' surface water run-off overtopping the dams, without any dam breach**, might be approximately 1,100 persons in the Gospel Oak and South End Green areas in total. This would be solely due to surface water run-off, **and not in any way due to any breach/collapse of dams on Hampstead Heath.**
9. I submit that, based on the 1975 scenario, if this 'biblical' storm occurred, then all resident in the downstream area would either have been drowned or evacuated within an hour or two of the 'biblical' storm starting.

10. The QRA report then goes on to state that Heath dams might start to collapse/breach, **but not until more than 6 hours of the storm starting**. The QRA estimates that this might cause a further approx. 300 LLOL. I contest these figures, as after 6 hours of a continuous 'biblical' deluge, all downstream residents would have either drowned or been evacuated. I suggest that there would be no residents remaining in the downstream area 6 hours after the start of the storm. Hence the potential for Likely Loss of Life due to a dam breach is therefore **ZERO**.

This dam project, and Planning Application, thus appears completely erroneously conceived. It does nothing to protect downstream residents from flooding, and is solely concerned with protecting the City of London Corporation from accusations that it had not complied with legal requirements.

I therefore urge that this application be refused

Yours sincerely



Jeremy Wright

M.I.C.E., Chartered Engineer; Member of the British Dam Society
Committee member of the Heath & Hampstead Society
Member of the City of London's Consultative Committee for Hampstead Heath
Former member of the City of London's Management Committee, and the Pond Projects Stakeholder Group for Hampstead Heath

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20 July, 2014

Development Management
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Dear Sir

Hampstead Heath Ponds

I am writing in connection with the planning applications by City of London Corporation for works to dam the ponds on Hampstead Heath, under what I understand are applications 2014/4332, P, 2104/2149 PRE, 2014/7231/P and 2014/0320/P. Others have lodged objections and/or will be doing so to protest about this outrage and I fully support them. I wish to comment on two specific matters.

First, it is a basic requirement of any decision by a public body that, in accordance with the Wednesbury principle, it is reasonable.

Secondly, the claim by the Corporation of London that safety comes first and that therefore any works must be undertaken to reduce the risk to safety, no matter how remote the risk, no matter the environmental damage or the cost is palpably unreasonable and wrong. All decisions about safety are relative. For example any transport decision about safety measures necessarily involves a balance between cost and inconvenience on the one hand and the reduction in risk on the other hand. Similarly the question whether works ought to be constructed to the ponds involves a similar balancing act, and there is no question of the reservoirs legislation imposing an unqualified duty to do everything possible to reduce risk. The fact that the ponds have never overflowed after centuries, including the wettest January this year since records began and that the risk of flooding is put at once in every 400,000 years makes it clear that the decision by the Corporation to go ahead is unreasonable and subject to judicial review, just as a decision by your Council to grant planning permission would be.

A useful question to consider is what would the position be if a reasonable landowner who owned both the ponds and the land to the south and was warned that, if he did nothing, there was a risk his property would be flooded every 400,000 years.

Yours faithfully

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David Iwi

20 New End Square, London NW3 1LN

London Borough of Camden

Planning Department

Camden Town Hall Extension

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Attn: Jonathan Markwell

23 July 2014

Dear Sir

Proposed engineering works to the Hampstead and Highgate chains of ponds comprising dam raising at Model Boating Pond (2.5m) and Mixed Bathing Pond (1m), new walls along dam crest to increase the height of the dams at Men's Bathing Pond (1m) and Highgate No.1 Pond (1.25m), a 0.19m kerb along part of the crest at Hampstead No.2 Pond, a new flood storage dam (5.6m) in the catchpit area, grass-lined spillways at most ponds, dam crest restoration, pond enlargement at Model Boating Pond, a replacement changing room building at Ladies Bathing Pond and associated landscaping, habitat creation and de-silting. (your ref 2014/4332/P)

We have lived in Hampstead for almost all of our adult lives since March 1973, and have known Hampstead Heath for a significantly longer period. During that time it was under the management initially of the Greater London Council and, more recently it has been managed by the City of London.

We had thought that when its management was moved to the City in 1986, this would be good for the Heath. By and large the City's stewardship has indeed been wise and balanced over the last 28 years.

Now however the City and its advisers have departed from this course. They appear to be fixed upon one which is poorly justified and likely to result in temporary disfigurement of, and continuing harm to the Heath.

The proposals involve the following:

- two years of very extensive and intrusive civil engineering works, including thousands of HGV movements;
- during the works extensive and popular areas of the Heath will be closed to the public;


- over 160 trees will be lost;
- permanent and unnatural changes to the landscape will result with new concrete walls and high mounds, steep slopes and excavations, and the formation of deep spillways;
- ecology and wildlife habitat will be damaged.

The justification for this appears to be the recommendation of the Civil Engineers' Panel set up under the Reservoirs Act 1975 seeking virtual elimination of flood risk in the basis of an engineered flood probability of 1:400,000.

However the Reservoirs Act does not require any work to be done or changes to be made, and the justification in the planning application is to say the least thin, opaque and slightly threatening. There has been no assessment of the intrusive effects and cost of a range of works against the level of security created, and it is very difficult to imagine that a satisfactory level of security could not be achieved by far less engineering.

Camden should not, as planning authority, allow this development to proceed, as its effects seem to be overwhelmingly negative. We would ask that permission be refused.

Yours faithfully



Ian and Madeleine Trehearne

Cc Marc Hutchinson Heath and Hampstead Society

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Jonathan Markwell
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By email and post

Application Ref: 2014/4332/P
Associated Ref: 2014/2149/PRE, 2013/7231/P, 2014/0320/P

DM Forum Attendee 05.06.14

15 July 2014

Dear Mr Markwell

PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION: Hampstead and Highgate chains of ponds,
Hampstead Heath, London

The Proposed Work:

Proposed engineering works to the Hampstead and Highgate chains of ponds comprising dam raising at Model Boating Pond (2.5m) and Mixed Bathing Pond (1m), new walls along dam crest to increase the height of the dams at Men's Bathing Pond (1m) and Highgate No.1 Pond (1.25m), a 0.19m kerb along part of the crest at Hampstead No.2 Pond, a new flood storage dam (5.6m) in the catchpit area, grass-lined spillways at most ponds, dam crest restoration, pond enlargement at Model Boating Pond, a replacement changing room building at Ladies Bathing Pond and associated landscaping, habitat creation and de-silting.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. I attended the meeting at Parliament Hill School on 5th June 2014 with an open mind to learn more about the proposal. I came away from it not only unconvinced about the risk-benefit arguments relating to the proposed project, but clear in my own mind that this was a waste of money and of serious detriment to the environment. Please record my strongest objection to the proposal.

My objections are as follows.

1. The risk of flooding, described as the principal reason for these proposed works, seems to be extremely low and greatly exaggerated. Although the risk was described as being of high impact, it seems most unlikely that catastrophic flooding would occur without warning. Presumably if Camden Council thought there was a significant risk now, there would be appropriate instructions to the potentially affected householders with signage.

There are none. The arguments relating to risk seem to me to be entirely unconvincing. It appears to me that the probability of flooding because of a hypothetical failure of the Hampstead Heath system is so extremely unlikely (1 in 400,000 years was suggested) that taking no action is justifiable. As a Hampstead resident it is undoubtedly a risk that I would be prepared to take.

2. The effect on the environment would be considerable. In spite of the description of mitigating features, the final proposal would result in the removal of trees and the creation of high walled dams, entirely out of keeping with the general look and feel of Hampstead Heath and Kenwood. I think this is deplorable and unacceptable.
3. The proposed works would also result in the loss of use of the swimming ponds for a significant period, and this too is unacceptable.
4. The cost is considerable. As a rate and tax payer, I find such expenditure to be unwarranted, unjustifiable and unacceptable. It suggests maladministration.
5. The fact that the report was from an engineering firm that specialises in the building of dams suggests that it may not have been entirely objective. In my own profession, medicine, if you ask surgeons for a solution to a problem, they advise surgery. I urge the Corporation of London and Camden Council to seek a separate and objective opinion, or alternatively (and more cheaply) to have the courage to ignore this report and to ditch this proposal.
6. I understand that the proposed work contravenes the 1871 Act that established the Heath as a natural space and that the 1975 Reservoirs Act does not require work on such a large scale.


In summary, I object strongly to this proposal and urge the Corporation and Council not to proceed and to abandon this pointless and damaging scheme.

Yours sincerely,

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A M Weindling

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Mr Jonathan Markwell
Case Officer
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London WC1H 9JE

Dear Mr Markwell,

Ref Application 2014/4332/P

I visited the preliminary demonstration on the Heath last year, and joined the many who are horrified by the planned destruction and disruption which would be caused.


I join Cllr Simon Marcus in his opposition, and compliment Mr Keith King for his excellent article in the Ham & High.

I wish to complain again about the plans, which would change the Heath we all have loved since Karl Marx used to travel up on a Sunday to admire the peace and beauty of this natural environment so close to London.

The months of work will take in fact several years, and as Bill Oddy has said, the wild life will never be the same.

Please advise me whom to contact to take my opposition further.

Yours sincerely



Dr Michael Kellett

Comments Form

Name... Paul C. S. Lindsay + Diana Lindsay

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Telephone number... [REDACTED]

Planning application number... 2014/L332/P

Planning application address...

I support the application (please state reasons below)



I object to the application (please state reasons below)



Your comments

My wife and I strongly object to the proposed engineering works to the Hampstead + Highgate chains of ponds. The proposals involve great expense + disruption to the peaceful enjoyment of the ponds + surrounding areas of the Heath.

The dams are high + would visually spoil the appearance of the ponds. The reasons given by the Corporation of the City of London are unconvincing + based on the possibility of flooding to areas lower than the Heath which ^{are} ~~are~~ very unlikely to happen.

We have lived around the Heath for more than 50 years + flooding of the type envisaged has never happened. The Heath should not be spoiled because of

a remote possibility. The proposers
(the Corporation) are the guardians of the
Heath not its owners & they should be
constantly reminded that the Heath, that
priceless asset to London, is to be preserved
& cherished.

Please do not grant permission
to spoil our beautiful ponds!

