Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 23:12
To: Planning
Subject: Hampstead Heath Dams and Ponds Project Ref 2014/4332/P

I write to object most strongly to the proposals for dams on the hampstead Heath ponds.
As an ex-resident of some twenty five years, I feel that insufficient consultation has been undertaken and that the plans are ugly, rushed and overly complex.
I suggest that there is a major rethink and would like to see the current application refused.

With my best wishes

Matthew Weinreb
Photographer

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 20:08
To: Planning
Subject: Dam works on Hampstead Heath

Dear Camden Planning

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- alternatives that are less costly, proportionate and result in less damage to the environment

2. The impact on the environment and wild-life will be seriously damaging. It will take many many years to recover from the works, **160 mature trees will be felled which in itself is indefensible and irresponsible**

3. The impact on all users of the Heath will be very damaging indeed. Massively reduced access for all for 2 years, noise pollution, diesal pollution. The Heath is an important lung for North Londoners and many more - their health and well-being will be impacted badly

4. Impact on health and well being of uses includes pond swimmers who will not be able to access the pond - notably the Ladies pond for 9 months - and when they can the access will be very limited increasing health and safety risks.

Please

- **Listen to your constituents and try to act from common sense without fear driving your decisions**
- **Think through the Green agenda with care. It is not a something to pay lip service too - it is a vital part of everyone's well-being not only in in North London but far beyond**
- **Please reflect carefully on all the objections that you receive.**
- **Please change your minds about the proposals - to do so would endorse your integrity and responsiveness to the community.**

I have lived and worked in the area for 55 years. Hampstead Heath is an important part of my life and that of 10,000's of people.

Please do not destroy this wonderful space.
Please try to think creatively and take this proposal back to the drawing board.

Thank you
Louli Salmon

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 18:43
To: Planning
Subject: dam works on hampstead heath- objection

The recent rains were the heaviest for many decades and caused no problems in the gospel oak and south end green areas making a nonsense of the City's reasons for proposing major dam works. The disruption and expense are clearly not warranted on the basis of real evidence.

M Koperski
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68 South Hill Park
London NW3 2SL

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 12:44
To: Markwell, Jonathan; Planning
Subject: Planning Reference 2014/4332/P – engineering works to the Ponds on Hampstead Heath

Dear Mr Markwell,

I would like to object to the above planning application on the following grounds:

The main driver for these works is based on flood risk. The engineering works applied for in this application are disproportionate to the risk posed, based on the modelling used for this application, a giant storm with 1 in 400,000 year probability. I question the unrealistic modelling used for this application.

This application does not take into inconsideration the accuracy of the weather forecasts and weather warnings in resonant years. There is no allowance or consideration given for drainage in the local areas, supposedly at risk, should this 1 in 400,000 year flood happen.

The works applied for are excessive, wholly inappropriate, unnecessary and are totally out for character on the much loved natural space and wildlife habitat of Hampstead Heath. These works will harm the established character of the Heath forever.

There will certainly be noise nuisance on a daily basis to the whole surrounding area for at least two years. Traffic will be seriously affected in South End Green, Gospal Oak and Hampstead. The Royal Free hospital's emergency services will surely suffer.

The heath will be disfigured with concrete walls, unnatural earthworks and excavations. The works carried out should be appropriate to the risk posed. On what bases is this risk calculated. Can it be relied on to result in these major works? I say they can't. I ask Camden to carry out a flood risk assessment.

The heavy engineering plant and the thousands of HGV movements with surely damage forever this wonderful haven of natural beauty and wildlife. The landscape of the heath with radically change for the worst.

There will also be a major loss of trees on Hampstead Heath should this work be given permission.

Does Camden council want to be responsible and remembered for these heinous unnecessary works, should they give their permission for this application?

I ask you to reject this application in its entirety and ask Atkins to go back to the drawing board and reconsider their modelling.

Regards,
Maureen Clark-Darby

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 18:50
To: Planning
Subject: complaint, against heath proposal

I have been a Camden resident for 50 years and and very concerned with the proposal for the damn to be built on the heath. From reading the information on offer, it does not warrant the amount of disfigurement to the existing Heath, the culling of established trees, disruption to the natural habitat and will effect the character of the Ponds and Heath. I am also astounded by the cost to the tax payer when there does not seem to be a valid enough data to support such risk. My family visits the Ponds (Ladies and Mens and Boating) and have been pleased that so far, the natural beauty of the Heath has been preserved with no unnecessary development (Hampstead Heath Act of 1871). This proposal contravenes this pledge and you need to listen to users of the Heath and local residents. Please reject this unjustified, destructive, colossal expense that will adversely effect many users and the natural environment.

- Details of the DamNonsense campaign, including reasons to oppose the works are at http://www.damnonsense.org.uk/.
- Further ideas for points you could raise in your response can be found at http://www.klpa.org.uk/whats-going-on/guidance-on-responses-to-camden-council-planning-department.
- Guidance on how to put together an effective planning objection can be found at http://goo.gl/0cfgqW.

There has been further press overage this week:
http://www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/ladies_pond_swimmers_will_be_stranded_by_hampstead_heath_dams_project_1_3696847
http://www.camdennewjournal.com/news/2014/jul/hampstead-heath-dams-project-plans-lodged-town-hall

[redacted]

[redacted]

Subject: Ponds and heath
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2014 10:09:53 +0100

Dear Friends,

I just signed the petition "Stop Heavy Construction On Hampstead Heath" and wanted to ask if you could add your name too. The plans have been going on for ages as some of you know. And from what I have heard, it seems unnecessary.

Here is the link in case you want to sign it
https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-heavy-construction-on-hampstead-heath

hope to see you all soon
Love meanwhile,
xxx Cathy

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 17:40
To: Planning
Subject: dams project pa 2014/4332/P

I object to the CoL plans which would ruin the Heath for no purpose, the landscape would be irrevocably altered
Ray Long

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 21:37
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Dam works on Hampstead Heath

Dear Camden Planning

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Thank you

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 18:01
To: Planning
Subject: dam

Please stop this idea.
It does not make sense.
It would be a waste of money.

Thank you

Jamie Wildman

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 18:03
To: Planning

Dear Sir,
I would like to add my voice to the many complaints which are being raised about the plans for Hampstead Heath Ponds. I have been swimming in the ladies pond for many years and it has been a wonderful place to go to swim and recuperate from a busy life. The reconstruction proposed sounds extremely expensive and also destructive of the beautiful nature of the area. The loss of so many trees and disturbance to wildlife would be enormous.It is a very special facility and should not be tampered with,especially as the threat of flooding does not seem to warrant such an expensive plan. This is another attack on the worlds dwindling places of natural beauty.
Yours Gill Barratt

Gentet, Matthias

From: Bob Paterson - 2KPS <Bob.Paterson@2kps.net>
Sent: 25 July 2014 17:44
To: Planning
Subject: Dams on Hampstead Heath

Sirs
I hope you will take a long, hard look at this situation and reach the common sense conclusion that this expenditure and disruption is not needed now and probably will never be needed.
The risk assessment seems to provide an extremely unlikely situation ever arising, there is no history that I am aware of and as my work time involves authorising expenditures to meet different needs, this is one that would definitely be put on a back burner indefinitely. Let us first have a real problem before you make the expenditure and decimate that feature of our lovely Heath.
I live close by at 75 South End Road so I am deeply concerned about this suggested waste of money and spoiling of that area.

Sincerely
Bob Paterson

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Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 13:10
To: Planning
Subject: Hampstead Heath construction

Dear Camden planning, I would like to register my opposition to the following proposals. The points are about tangible issues, but the impact of these will be published emotional.

The Heath is a place of respite and sanctuary, peace and quiet and refreshment. This is especially true of the bathing ponds and offer such an unusual and tranquil space sent to exercise and revitalisation.

Best wishes, Hannah Loizos.

Please reconsider these works:

new and unnatural huge earthworks and excavations at Catchpit and Model Boating Pond;

> concrete walls at Men's Bathing Pond

> 2 years of works requiring closure of popular parts of the Heath;

> closure of bathing ponds;

> heavy engineering plant and thousands of HGV movements

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 12:52
To: Planning
Subject: APPLICATION Number 2014/4332/P

Dear Camden Planning Office,
I strongly OBJECT to your plans to disturb the peace of the Heath ponds. The plans submitted would devastate this unique and beautiful natural environment vital to local wildlife and migrating birds, and enjoyed by millions of visitors.
I have been walking and swimming on the Heath since 1982 and consider it a unique oasis, nothing compares to it.
PLEASE DO NOT approve the current application. The Heath will never be the same should such unnecessary and excessive works take place. Please listen to all the objectors, they know and love the Heath unlike the computers who designed the dam scheme.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Kiely

9 Lithos Road
London NW3 6DX

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 22:20
To: Planning
Subject: Dam Proposals at Hampstead Heath

Dear Camden Planning

I am writing to strongly object to the Dam proposals on Hampstead Heath. The reasons I am objecting are as follows:

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Thank you

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Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 09:32
To: Planning
Subject: Proposed plan: 2014/4332/P

Dear Camden Planning Department,

Re: Proposed plan: 2014/4332/P

In the hope that you will exercise your power to prevent this work from going ahead, I am writing to oppose the above plan on several grounds:

Firstly, the adverse affect on wildlife in the area - is Hampstead Heath not a conservation area? How can we justify felling so many tress (over 150) and wrecking the habitats of so many birds and others. The disruption caused by huge HGVs will have a negative impact on wildlife also and on local people's enjoyment of the heath. The heath is not owned by the corporation of London, it belongs to the public, the Corporation of London are there to manage it, why would you allow them to dictate what work is carried out on unfounded grounds? Really hope you carefully consider the wider impact and listen to the opinions of other experts on this one – it is a waste of time and money.

Secondly, as far as I can see, the 1975 reservoirs act does not require work to be carried out on such a huge scale.

These plans are based on unrealistic modelling. We have emergency services and if a storm of this imaginary scale did occur there would probably be other things to worry about and the work you are proposing would have little effect in the grand scheme of things.

Thanks for your time.

Rosanna Selway

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 23:00
To: Planning
Subject: Hampstead Heath

I cannot understand why the proposed works on the heath and dams is being undertaken. We had the wettest winter on record last year and i do not believe any areas were seriously flooded.The Heath is an oasis in the middle of a city, somewhere you feel you are out of suburbia and in the countryside and the wildlife is amazing. bringing in heavy construction works will damage that ,and for what reason? Many people love the tranquility to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and having major works going on will destroy that, did I mention the amazing wildlife too!! I swim in the ladies pool all year round and am opposed to the fact that this will be taken away from me for whatever period for no reason i can see. Surely the money for this purpose could be better spent on a worthwhile project.. The Heath is well kept and for the life of me I cannot see why your proposed changes need to be undertaken. I am wholeheartedly against your proposed changes to one of Londons most beautiful areas. Yours, Diane Weatherly.

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 19:40
To: Planning
Subject: Ref 2014/4332/P Dams on Hampstead Heath

I lived in Belsize Park for 20 years and wouldn't have stayed there so long if it weren't for Hampstead Heath. I went to Kenwood Ladies Pond a lot and even now, having moved to Winchester, I visit it regularly.
I was horrified to hear of the possible construction of dams.
I am particularly concerned about the damage to wildlife and the loss of so many trees.
Also of course I am very upset that the bathing ponds would be closed for so long.
The Reservoir Acts 1975 does legally not require works to be carried out on this huge scale.
The models for a giant storm with a 1 in 400,000 year probability assume no warning and no emergency services.
The disfigurement of the Heath, with new and unnatural earthworks and excavations and concrete walls at the Men's Bathing Pond and Highgate No 1 Pond would be appalling.
It seems to me that the construction of dams is completely unnecessary and would damage and disrupt Hampstead Heath enormously.
I strongly object to it.

Yours sincerely,
Francesca Harvey

Francesca Harvey
[redacted]

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 18:03
To: Planning
Subject: ref 2014/4332/P Preserving the integrity of Hampstead Heath Ponds and the safety of small children.

Dear Planning Committee,

In addition to the usual reasons for objecting to the proposed "development" of the ponds - i.e. unaesthetic, unnecessary, disruptive, a profligate waste of money etc - I feel I must point out that as they are at present, like any other body of water, they are a potential danger to parents of small or over-excited children. Building up the sides of the ponds so that they could serve as reservoirs in the absurdly unlikely event of flooding makes the work of parents looking after vulnerable children far more difficult. getting a small child out of the water when that child is immediately visible and accessible is already an alarming prospect, but if that child has run up an incline and disappeared into the water behind it, its extrication becomes infinitely more difficult.

I am sure the City of London does not want to put children at risk of drowning, but they have not thought through the consequences of their scheme to the parents and children whose safety needs to be a central consideration. I believe and hope that Camden Council will take a more realistic position.

I write as a mother of three and grandmother of five.

yours sincerely,

Mavis Haut

Gentet, Matthias

From: Eileen E Quick <eileenquick@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: 25 July 2014 17:44
To: Planning
Subject: HAMPSTEAD HEATH

Dear Sir/ Madam,
I am totally opposed to the dam building for several reasons,
Not least because it is a marvellous open space enjoyed by people from far and wide
.I am a regular , though not a year rounder, swimmer at the womens pond, which keeps many women sane in a huge city
.We would lose this facility for at least a year,which would be a tragedy for so many London women.
Many teenagers use the pond in the summer holidays and this number is increasing every year.
The birds on the water would leave and very likely not return,
Walking on the Heath would be spoiled for a very long period.
Also the loss of so many mature beautiful trees would be a disaster!
I have read the reasons behind this planned dam building, and feel that if the Heath withstood last winters rains it is likely to remain intact
Please dont allow this work to go ahead!
Eileen Quick

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 20:48
To: Planning
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Thank you

JA Roditi Ms.

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 17:39
To: Planning
Subject: I agree with all these points!