

From: Leo C [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2014 10:56
To: Planning
Subject: Planning application Hampstead Heath needs to be REJECTED

Hi, please find below the reasons why I am, as a londoner, against the heavy construction on the Heath.

1. Legality

Reservoirs Act 1975 does legally not require works to be carried out on this huge scale.

2. Unrealistic modelling:

- > models for a giant storm with a 1 in 400,000 year probability;
- > assumes no warning and no emergency services.

3. Disfigurement of Heath landscape:

- > new and unnatural huge earthworks and excavations at Catchpit and Model Boating Pond;
- > concrete walls at Men's Bathing Pond and Highgate No.1 Pond.

4. Tree loss:

- > over 160 trees to be felled;
- > large tree loss at Stock Pond to create giant spillway.

5. Closure and disruption:

- > 2 years of works requiring closure of popular parts of the Heath;
- > closure of bathing ponds;
- > heavy engineering plant and thousands of HGV movements;
- > damage to wildlife.

From: Ken Pyne <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:00
To: Planning
Subject: Hampstead Heath Dams

Reference 2014/4332/P

I wish to protest against the threat to Hampstead Heath by the heavy construction work that would result of the Corporation of London's proposal to dam the Heath Ponds.

It would disfigure the Heath for future generations who have a right to enjoy this unique beautiful environment that would be taken away from by businessmen in the City who have no understanding of the history or very nature of the Heath.

Their proposals to dam the ponds must be stopped as they are beyond any sense and in effect ludicrous.. It would be wanton vandalism.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Pyne
15 Well Walk.
NW31BY

From: Noel Qualter <n[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:03
To: Planning
Subject: 2014/4332/P

Dear Council I wish to object in totality to 2014/4332/P development plans for Hampstead Ponds on the following basis:

1. Legality

Reservoirs Act 1975 does legally not require works to be carried out on this huge scale.

2. Unrealistic modelling:

- > models for a giant storm with a 1 in 400,000 year probability;
- > assumes no warning and no emergency services.

3. Disfigurement of Heath landscape:

- > new and unnatural huge earthworks and excavations at Catchpit and Model Boating Pond;
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- > 2 years of works requiring closure of popular parts of the Heath;
- > closure of bathing ponds;
- > heavy engineering plant and thousands of HGV movements;
- > damage to wildlife.

Noel Qualter
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London Nw5 2Sb

From: Jones, Iain (Treasury) [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:08
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Reference 2014/4332/P - strong objection

Hi,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the planning application in connection with unnecessary works to the ponds on Hampstead Heath.

I am particularly fond of walking on the Heath and would be deeply saddened if the natural look of the beautiful green spaces was ruined by concrete walls at the Men's Pond and digging around the Highgate Pond.

In the unfortunate event that these proposals were approved, not only would wildlife be affected and trees lost, but the Heath would be a building site for a number of years.

It would ruin the experience for visitors, making them unlikely to return – with the obvious knock on effect of loss of revenue for local businesses.

As I understand it, the work is not legally required, is based on extreme scenarios and does not seem to envisage an emergency services being present.

The exaggerated risks in the underlying report mean I feel there is no realistic danger to my life or my property (98 Constantine Road NW3 2LS) by living in the area.

For the reasons mentioned above, I would like to express my **strong objection**.

Kind regards,

Iain

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Your First Name	david
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The development will be hideously ugly. There will be substantial removal of trees, and will lead to part of the heath being unusable for a long time.
I do not believe this work is necessary, the risks of flooding being very low indeed.

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From: Russell Child <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:15
To: Planning
Subject: Reference 2014/4332/P

Dear Planning,

I am a 49 year old Londoner who has been swimming in Highgate Men's Pond all his life.

In 2000 I was fortunate enough to move to Archway which means the pond is a 20 minute walk from home.

The ponds on Hampstead Heath are a wonderful resource for Londoners and visitors to our great city.

There are many reasons why I love swimming in the pond. Here are two:

First, as I swim a lap surrounded by such great natural beauty I marvel that I can do this in London.

Second, it is one of the few spaces shared by Londoners of different social classes. It is a genuinely diverse community brought together by a love for swimming outdoors.

I, like many others, am dismayed by the planned work which I object to for the following reasons:

The plans are based on unrealistic modelling for a giant storm with a 1 in 400,000 year probability which assumes no warning and no other emergency measures.

It will disfigure the beautiful landscape of the Heath.

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

There will be concrete walls at Men's Bathing Pond and Highgate No.1 Pond.

Over 160 trees will be felled.

There will be large tree loss at Stock Pond to create giant spillway.

The disruption will be significant: 2 years of works requiring closure of popular parts of the Heath.

The bathing ponds will close.

There will be heavy engineering plant and thousands of HGV movements.

There will be irreparable damage to wildlife.

Please do not go ahead with this work.

Kind Regards

Russell Child

From: Elizabeth Cey [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:15
To: Planning
Cc: Mary Powell; Siân Berry; Maya de Souza
Subject: Hampstead ponds 2014 4332/P

Dear Camden Planning,

I am against the plans to put up huge new dams on Hampstead Heath in regard to the ponds.

I have attended several public meetings and i believe that I understand the arguments on both sides.

From the first, I thought that the Corporation of the City of London had misinterpreted the Reservoirs Act of 1975.

I believe that there is no need to designate the ponds as reservoirs and no need for these huge works. Again and again, people at these meetings asked about warnings: could the people at risk from flooding not be warned in time?

We never got a reasonable reply. In my view, that is because the Corp. is committed to building these dams. Why?

I believe that the dams plans do not consider the possibility of early warnings to residents. In my view, it is unlikely that such huge and sudden floods would occur with not even a bit of time to warn downstream residents to leave their homes.

The plans seem to assume otherwise. That all downstream residents would be flooded without warning.

Re conflict of interest

I believe that, in a very obvious conflict of interest, the Corp. hired Atkins to carry out the study and then hired Atkins to carry out the works.

I hope that Camden Council can see this conflict of interest. If course, it was likely that Atkins would come in with a mega job for its own profit.

In short, I respect the concern about flooding but I believe that the current plans are much too drastic.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Block, London

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Lissenden Gardens

London

NW 5 1 QP



Sent from my iPad

From: Cheryl Young <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:26
To: Planning
Subject: Protect Hampstead Heath Ref 2014/4332/P

Please reject the planning application for the planned works on Hampstead Heath. The justification for it is completely unconvincing. In the highly unlikely event of any serious flooding, or risk of, there would be, with current weather forecasting, sufficient time for warning systems to be employed. Given the heavy downpours of this winter it seems even more ridiculous to base a case on.

The Heath is a special environment, and used by all sorts of people, from all segments of society, and is a place of sanity and serenity in a chaotic world. Being able to swim in natural ponds, without concrete walls enclosing them, is a unique experience. In addition, there has already, due to storm damage, been enough loss of trees - chestnut, oak, lime - so the loss of a further 160+ trees would be a travesty. I don't know much about the legality, but I always thought this was a protected space.

And then there is the disruption - especially since the 'end result' is hardly going to result in an improvement. Large parts of the heath would be closed, and even more dangerous, would be the heavy equipment movement causing serious risk to children and to animals - both domestic and wild. There are a large numbers of birds, butterflies, insects, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals who make the heath their home and this would destroy habitats. Surely in a world where we need to encourage children to value the environment, there is no better place for all Londoners to bring their families to enjoy nature and learn about the importance of such places.

We implore you to not ruin this special place, and reject this application.

Gerald King and Cheryl Young

North London

From: Eve Hersov [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:36
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Reference 2014/4332/P) - Dams Objection

I am writing to indicate my objection to Planning Reference 2014/4332/P. There are numerous reasons that I object to this proposal which I believe is based on unrealistic modelling. The plans will disfigure the heath's natural landscape, cause unnecessary closures to certain areas, disrupt enjoyment of the heath and cause a significant loss of trees. There are also questions about the legality of these plans. As a local resident who has enjoyed spending time on the heath daily for 30 years I can attest to the popularity of the area and understand the disruptive impact the proposed work would have on locals and the numerous visitors to the heath. All last winter when it rained near daily for weeks and weeks there was no breaching of the heath dams. Surely it is time to act sensibly and reconsider that the modelling for these plans is misinformed. There are far better methods for managing flood risk than these massively disruptive and disfiguring plans. Please veto these plans. Eve Hersov, 23 Willoughby Road, NW3 1RT

From: Tania Hummel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:40
To: Planning
Subject: 2014/4332/P.

Dear Planning department,

I am writing to you to express my concern and dismay at your plans for Hampstead Heath.

From what I've been able to gather from the documents viewed so far, I question the legality of this enterprise on the basis that the Reservoirs Act 1975 does not require works to be carried out on this scale. Further, the models for a giant storm have a 1 in 400,000 year probability. Moreover it assumes no warning and no emergency services who could take appropriate action in the highly unlikely event.

Hampstead Heath is a godsend for Londoners and has been for centuries. Your plans would disfigure the landscape, damage wildlife, and result in unnecessary and substantial loss of trees.

Added to which the disruption, and the closure of the ponds for up to two years (perhaps longer - these things always do gone on longer than anticipated) I have to question your reasons for this pointless exercise which would damage irrevocably our much loved heath.

Please reconsider.

T. Hummel

From: Hugh Willbourn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:40
To: Planning
Subject: Ref: 2014/4332/P

To the Planning Department,
Camden Council
London

23/7/14

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write briefly to express my objection to the Dam project proposed for Hampstead Heath.

The rationale for the works is based on a computer model which indicates a very small risk of flooding from an extremely rare event. Indeed the unlikelihood of this event is so extreme that it appears extraordinary to expend large sums of money and engage in construction works which themselves have real and predictable risks to mitigate such a rare risk.

It could also be argued that if flooding were to occur it is likely that the damage caused would cost less and be less disruptive to fewer people than the construction of the dam.

Equally if a slightly more enormously unlikely event - say an earthquake or 100 days of continuous rainfall - were to occur the whole project would be useless anyway. Any dam, however high, can be overtopped by a sufficient amount of water.

The projections used in this proposal seem to be both extremely unlikely and also arbitrary in that an event perhaps only three times as unlikely would render the project ineffectual.

The amenity value of the current, quasi-wild structure of the heath is enormous. The heath - exactly as it is - provides real, present and irreplaceable value to thousands of London's citizens. I, along with many, many other users of the ponds and the heath value its current state as a life-enhancing and therapeutic amenity for city dwellers.

There is a growing body of research that shows that green spaces - and specifically natural, wild green spaces are a major contribution to mental health and good living. see amongst many other articles :

http://www.exeter.ac.uk/news/featurednews/title_349054_en.html

I urge you to reject this un-necessary and expensive application. In the event that the City of London wishes to spend its money mitigating the risk of real, frequent and serious flooding may I respectfully suggest they make a contribution to the works required to protect the Somerset levels?

Yours faithfully,
Hugh Willbourn



From: ALISTAIR BEATON <a[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:41
To: Planning
Subject: 2014/4332/P.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION ON HAMPSTEAD HEATH

Dear Planning Committee,

As a user of the Heath and a nearby resident, I wish to object to the planned engineering work around the ponds.

The work is not essential and is based on the need to protect us from a disaster the chances of which are negligibly small.

The work will disfigure the Heath and cause both short-term and long-term disruption to the public, as well as harming natural habitats.

Yours sincerely,

Alistair Beaton

From: Jimmy Strauss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:58
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Reference 2014/4332/P

Dear Sir

I cannot believe that the Corporation are trying to go ahead with their plans to safeguard the reservoirs on Hampstead Heath and I do hope that Camden Council will not grant them permission to destroy the peace and tranquillity of this amazing open space.

There appears to be considerable doubt about the legal necessity for the whole scheme. Surely, Camden Council, The Corporation and the Heath & Hampstead Society are not going to have to go to the enormous expense and effort to have this tested in Court!

The modelling to justify the project is flawed. For example, it assumes that there is no advanced warning from the weather centre and that the emergency are unable to provide any assistance. During this Winter's heavy downpours, the existing reservoirs and dams were more than able to cope with the unusually large quantity of water in a relatively short space of time.

I use the Heath to walk my dog at least twice a week. The proposed works would interrupt our leisurely enjoyment of the Heath as well as stopping people from using the bathing ponds.

I recognise that in this litigious society in which we live, that we need to be conscious of our needs to observe Health & Safety requirements but it seems to me that the Corporation is using a sledge hammer to try to crack a nut .

I urge you to reject this application.

Jimmy Strauss

From: Ruth Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2014 11:59
To: Planning
Subject: 2014/4332/P

Dear Camden Planning,

I am writing to ask you to **reject** the application by the City of London to concretize the Hampstead Ponds.

If there is a real danger of flooding, there needs to be far more information available to the public before such a draconian plan is agreed. I am sure something much more modest would be perfectly adequate.

The ponds are lovely as they are.

To industrialise them on the scale suggested will be to utterly ruin them.
The City seems to be in love with concrete, and ugliness at the moment.
Camden shouldn't indulge it.

As for the number of trees the City plans to cut down - please just say NO. The Heath is the Heath. Trees hold the ground together, and help prevent flooding. Please reject these ill-conceived plans.

Kind regards - Ruth Richardson

From: Kristin Breuss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 12:01
To: Planning
Subject: works on the Heath

Dear Camden Council,

I am writing to formally oppose the works proposed on Hampstead Heath. Given the 1 in 400,000 chance of extreme flooding happening with no assumption of emergency services, I struggle to understand why we are spending this money in this way, especially in light of so many other issues our borough faces. I also hate to see the Heath changed in this way. Please please please do not let this happen.

Many thanks for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Rev. Kristin Breuss

From: Simon McGuire <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 12:30
To: Planning
Subject: 2014/4332/P

Dear Camden Planning

I write to object to the proposal by the City of London Corporation to raise and/or improve the dams on the ponds on Hampstead Heath for the following reasons:

1. The results will be an eyesore, with new and unnatural earthworks and excavations at Catchpit and Model Boating Pond, and unnecessary concrete at Men's Bathing Pond and Highgate No.1 Pond
2. Many trees will be unnecessarily felled, particularly at Stock Pond
3. The works will be unnecessarily long and disruptive, ruining and closing popular parts of the Heath while they take place.

The City of London Corporation are trying to protect themselves against a highly remote event, and have not demonstrated adequately that they are legally obliged to do so. In the process they are proposing to blight the Heath and spoil the pleasure of millions of Londoners.

On behalf of all who enjoy the Heath, please reject this application.

Yours faithfully

Simon & Nicky McGuire

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From: Michael Rose [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2014 12:35
To: Planning
Cc: 'Susan Rose'
Subject: Heath Dams- planning objections M & SP Rose

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
Merton Lane
London N6 6NA



From: Manou Shama Levy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 12:41
To: Planning
Subject: reference 2014/4332/P.

Dear Camden Planners

This is to say I strongly oppose the changes that are being proposed by the Corporation of London for the Highgate Ponds.

It seems an unnecessarily disruptive proposal given the 1 in 400,000 risk of this flood happening. It is not legally essential. It is too aggressive. It will take too long to execute. And it will dramatically change the character of these ponds that we love and respect so much.

Please don't let these changes happen.

Manou Shama Levy

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N7 0HH, United Kingdom

[REDACTED]

From: Rachel Sopher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 July 2014 12:54
To: Planning
Subject: 2014/4332/P.

I object to the construction as it will be noisy disruptive and as a swimmer will stop my weekly exercise Sent from my iPhone

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It is not necessary. It would be cheaper and better to keep water outflows clear downstream of the Heath. The proposal models for a giant storm with a 1 in 400,000 year probability; It also assumes no warning and no emergency services. I believe such an improbable storm would in any case cause quite different problems elsewhere and these are not included in the model.

I object to this as unnecessary and as disfiguring of Heath landscape - It requires new and unnatural huge earthworks and excavations at Catchpit and Model Boating Pond; concrete walls at Monks' Bathing Pond and Highgate

Planning Application Details

No.1 Pond.

Unacceptable tree loss is proposed - over 160 trees to be felled; large tree loss at Stock Pond to create giant spillway.
I object to plan for two years of unnecessary works requiring closure of popular parts of the Heath including closure of bathing ponds; I use the Ladies' pond.

I oppose plans for unnecessary dams as they will need heavy engineering plant and thousands of HGV movements on the Heath. This is a complex ecosystem and the work will cause damage to wildlife as well as people's well being.

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