

## Gentet, Matthias

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 23:05  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Please stop the dams on Hampstead Heath

Hampstead Heath is the last oasis of wildlife in London. It's beautiful with its wild flowers without concrete roads and organised flower beds. You can see here Woodpeckers, owls, sparrowhawks, bats, rabbits, butterflies and many other species and enjoy rare in overcrowded concrete London silence and smell clean air. I'm coming here for years from Old kent road with my friends (1hr on the buss 168!) Please don't destroy the last natural place in London, don't cut the trees and don't lay concrete alleys in place of natural paths.

Aneta and John

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 19:43  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Ref planning application 2014/4332/P

Dear sir/madam,

Re planning application 2014/4332/P

I object to the above application on the following grounds:

**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.

I am a daily user and enjoyer of Hampstead Heath.

Yours faithfully,

Pauline Stoker

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 23:16  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** objection to proposed changes on Hampstead Heath

Dear Sirs,

I write in regards to the proposed dams on Hampstead Heath Ponds. The dams will cause untold damage to what is an oasis of calm.

They will not help protect the ponds but will disturb the area pointlessly. Countless numbers of journalists and environmentalists have attested to why the proposal is quite so daft. The Corporation of London must be persuaded to abandon these plans which nobody wants and which will not protect the parkland as proclaimed. The only one to benefit will be the private contractor. The ponds have existed for many years as they are and will continue to do so.

Colette Hiiller  
23 Hartland Road  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 21:50  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Application Ref: 2014/4332/P - I wish to express my support

For the attention of Jonathan Markwell:

I wish to express my support for this Planning Application No: 2014/4332/P and the Associated Applications, Refs:- 2014/2149/PRE, 2013/7231/P, 2014/0320P.

I applaud the City of London Corporation for having the foresight to strengthen the dams in order to safeguard the well-being of citizens and civic infrastructure

I have every confidence that the City of London Corporation will implement the works with sensitivity and as little disruption as possible.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Waltraud Loges (Ms)  
47 Oak Village  
London NW5 4QL  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Matthias Gentet  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 17:40  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** The proposed dams on Hampstead Heath

Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to object in the strongest possible terms to the The City of London's proposed dam works on Hampstead Heath.

This will:

- Permanently disfigure the Heath
- Not eliminate the risk of downstream flooding or loss of life which the City of London claims these proposals will address

I call on Camden Council to reject the City of London's Planning Application.

The proposed works specify massive dams, spillways, concrete walls and embankments. They include:

- Construction of a huge 40m wide by 5.6m high embankment in the Catchpit Valley;
- Construction of a massive 2.5 m dam at end of the Model Boating Pond;
- Felling at least 160 trees;
- Taking 2 years to complete;
- Estimated costs of at least £17 million;
- Inevitable and irreversible damage to the Heath and its wildlife.

The City's rationale for these works involves a dubious interpretation of the law. It refers 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 works would contravene the Hampstead Heath Act of 1871 which requires that Hampstead Heath be preserved in its "natural aspect and state".

I trust that Camden Council will reject the City of London's application.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Jacques

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East Heath Road,

London NW3 1BP



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 12:04  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** highgate ponds

Please do not dam Highgate Ponds

We object and agree with the grounds of the objectors at 38 degrees.org.uk in particular unrealistic computer modelling methods

Alistair Levie

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NW9 6DY

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 10:42  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Save The Ponds Hampstead Bathing Ponds

*To Whom It May Concern*

I wish to register my dismay at any plans to destroy and dismantle the Hampstead Heath Ponds.

These ponds are a pleasure to enjoy and I attend the Heath and make use of the ponds as often as 3-4 times weekly.  
I have availed of the ponds and heath for over 20 years

Please for the sake of pleasure and for the benefit of health and enjoyment do not allow planning applications for this destruction to be approved.

*Tom Munn*

[REDACTED]  
*Address will be supplied if so required*



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 12:27  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Application Number 2014/4332/P

Dear Camden Planning Officers,

I am emailing to register my strong objection to the City of London's Planning application of July 9th. I am convinced that these works are excessive and unnecessary and are being advanced despite independent experts who support this view. The rural and unspoilt nature of the heath and the Ponds in particular is precious and fragile. I write as a regular swimmer in the beautiful Ladies' Pond.

These existing dams have proved safe even in the wettest winter on record of 2013 and in the floods of 1975. The projections made are based on a catastrophic event predicted to happen once every 400,000 years.

Please use your powers to safeguard the heath to turn down this application,

Thank you

Aleda Erskine

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London NW11 6HT

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 17:36  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** 2014/4332/P

For Jonathan Markwell

I am writing to register my objection to the plans submitted by the City of London Corporation for proposed engineering works to the Highgate and Hampstead chains of ponds. I am persuaded by the arguments put forward by the Heath and Hampstead Society, of which I am sure you are already well aware, and I am a minor supporter of their request for a judicial review of the planned works.

Regards  
Peter Ratzer  
37 Gayton Road  
London NW3 1UB  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 July 2014 18:35  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Objection to application number 2014/4332/P - Corporation of London -v- Hampstead Heath

Dear Sirs

I live in NW5 and am lucky enough to live close to the Heath. I am incredibly proud of this stunning, unspoilt and people friendly facility which adds so much to the quality of life to the residents of Camden and impresses and delights visitors from around the world. It is the centre of our community, a place where I frequently get the chance to speak to my neighbours.

I have always appreciated the Corporation of London for maintaining the Heath. However I really think they are currently suffering from the "developed nation" problem of more money than sense. Diverting precious funds to a 1 in 400,000 year gamble where there are so many immediate pressing needs elsewhere. I am very worried about the proposed works - the inconvenience and destruction they will create and the pointlessness of them.

I am therefore objecting to the planned construction works on the following grounds:

- I see no sense in spending so much money and destroying the environment because of a one in 400,000 years event. I don't understand how anyone can.

- There is a serious conflict of interest when the dam engineers also work for the company who will do the works. This should always be unacceptable where works will affect the public, and especially where the works could potentially have such a negative effect on such a public treasure

- The plans are based on unrealistic computer modelling - no warning, no emergency services, a storm out of a Hollywood movie. The ponds did not flood last winter - which had particularly high rainfall. I understand the ponds have never flooded

Life inevitably involves some risk. It doesn't mean we build concrete around ourselves before we step out on the street. Not every unlikely event (1 in 400,000!) means we destroy our environment and an area that has been protected and preserved by successive generations.

Please please reject this application.

Amanda Couper