Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 17:04
To: Planning
Subject: Proposed Hampstead Heath Ponds Dam Construction

Dear Sir,

Ref: 2014/4332/P

I'm writing to request Camden Council's Planning Department to reject the planning application of the City of London for permission to carry out the massive constructions they claim are needed on Hampstead Heath for the following reasons:

1. It has not yet been shown that the Reservoirs Act of 1975 requires works to be carried out on such a huge scale as those proposed. It would be so much more sensible to wait until after the judicial review of the proposals being sought by the Heath and Hampstead Society. It appears to be to do with whether this legislation, and that of the Reservoirs Act of 2010 (which is yet to be implemented) is being correctly interpreted.

2. The model being used is extraordinary, and quite unrealistic, being based on the probability of a massive storm which might take place once in 400,000 years. It also seems to assume that there would be little or no warning of such an event, and that the population of residents living to the south of the Heath would have no knowledge of the event or access to emergency services.

3. What is proposed would completely destroy the landscape of the Heath and create huge earthworks and concrete structures (as at the Men's Swimming Pond and the Highgate No. 1 Pond.

4. It is being proposed to fell massive numbers of trees and bushes, which will destroy the appearance of the Heath for decades to come.

5. The disruption with heavy plant on the Heath over the two years of the works proposed will affect all Heath users, walkers, pond swimmers, and the damage to wildlife will be immense and possibly irreparable.

In summary, the Heath is very special to me as a walker and Ladies' Pond swimmer throughout the year, and is the reason why I chose originally to live in London, rather than move out to the country many years ago. Rather than destroy something which is so valued by thousands upon thousands of residents and of visitors to London, please delay any decision which could destroy it for ever, until other alternatives which are less massive, unsightly and damaging have been explored.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Edwards
20 St James's Lane,
London N10 3DB

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 July 2014 09:46
To: Planning
Subject: Dams' objection Hampstead Heath

Dear Mr. Maxwell, I'm writing you to object strongly against any interventions to the ponds on Hampstead Heath. The Dam programme would interfere with the Heath natural environment - the heavy loss of trees, of wild life and natural beauty.
Please do not allow this to happen - I love the Heath as it is, so does my dog and many other people. We don't need or want dams – its a waste of money.
Lets be sensible about this.
Trusting you to do the right thing for all of us who love the Heath and enjoy it on daily basis.
With kind regards,
Anna Lee

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 July 2014 17:56
To: Planning
Subject: Hampstead and Highgate Ponds engineering work

As a Dartmouth Park resident I am fully behind the proposed engineering work to improve the safety of the ponds.

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 July 2014 20:02
To: Planning
Subject: Hampstead Heath Ponds

Dear Mr Markwell
I am writing, again, to express my concern about the proposals to counter the 1 in 400,000 chance of Hampstead being flooded by overflowing ponds.

1.There will be plenty of time to alert residents of such an eventuality.

2.There is a whiff of hysteria about the urgency of this damaging work.

3.Are there any consultants, landscape designers, hydrologists, who would gain from the proposed extensive works ?

Leave Hampstead Heath alone.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Caroline Compton

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 16 July 2014 10:36
To: Planning
Subject: Hampstead Heath Dam works

I strongly oppose the dam works on Hampstead Heath. The works will damage the look of the Heath and more importantly will destroy wildlife and greenery. Apparently it is not necessary as there have never been serious floods and if there were to be one the dams would not necessarily do the trick.
Yours sincerely,
Francesca Harvey

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Francesca Harvey
Tel. [redacted]

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 July 2014 23:26
To: Planning
Subject: Dams: Message from David Baddiel

Dear Camden Council

Please please please do not let CLC go ahead with the proposed building work on the ponds - the Dam project. They are not needed, it's a waste of money, they will be an eyesore, and there's only a tiny tiny chance - admitted in their own literature - of the ponds ever flooding. They have not flooded even with torrential rain over the last few years.

There really is no reason to do this work. I can only assume someone will make a lot of money out of it. But it should not be happening,

yours

David Baddiel

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 14 July 2014 21:17
To: Planning
Subject: hampstead heath dams

I am totally against development on hampstead heath, It is an area of outstanding beauty and wildlife. The dams have not flooded areas for many years and i see no need to start messing about with them I swim regularly in the ladies pond and it is my exercise and relaxation. I would not be happy if the pond had to close while works carriedout. I am totally against heavy work being carried out on the heath. yours, Diane Weatherly.

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 July 2014 12:43
To: Planning
Subject: proposed dam on the heath

Iam a regular user, and member of the Ladies' Pond Association.
I am writing to object to the proposed planning application, as there is no evidence that the works will in any way improve the flood defences, and might actually increase risk of flooding.
The works would contravene the statutes which protect the heath, and leave eyesores which are entirely out of keeping with the landscape.

Josephine Haworth

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 July 2014 21:46
To: Planning
Cc: John Lobek; Harry Lobek; Leah Lobek
Subject: Hampstead Heath dams

I would like to tell you that I am objecting whole heartedly to the plans for Dams on Hampstead Heath. The Heath is a place of natural beauty enjoyed by so many through the year, I see this idea as nothing but a complete disruption of people peace and love of beauty. Really for what, I suggested you all think again.

Your sincerely
Josephine Lobek

Jo Lobek

[redacted]

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 July 2014 09:07
To: Planning
Cc: Markwell, Jonathan
Subject: Camden Council (Planning Reference 2014/4332/P)

Categories: Orange Category

Objection to planning application ref: 2014/4332/P

I object strongly to the current plans because I believe the Reservoirs Act 1975 doesn't require, legally, works to be carried out on this huge scale. We should wait for the the outcome of the judicial review. I also believe that the works suggested mean that the City of London is breaching its commitment to keep the Heath in its natural state.

However, If the outcome of the review should deem some works are necessary I would further object to the current plans for the following reasons:
a) a giant storm is, I understand, a 1 in 400,000 year probability so the proposed plans use totally unrealistic modelling. In addition the plans do not eliminate the risk of downtown flooding or loss of life which the City of London claims these proposals will address. I have attended several talks and meeting about the proposed Dams. Engineers present have offered other less drastic and less expensive methods of helping to prevent flooding.
b) the disfigurement of the landscape with the concrete walls at the Men's Bathing Pond and Highgate Number 1 Pond and the huge unnatural earthworks and excavations at Catch-pit and Model Boating Pond are unacceptable.
c) the loss of at least 160 trees is depressing. It has long been the policy of the City of London to use numerous trees to hide the view of houses on the circumference of the Heath, from people walking there. Again they are breaking their commitment to preserve the Heath's heritage
d) the closure and disruption that would ensue: closure, for two years, to popular parts of the Heath and the bathing ponds, loss and disruption to wild-life and disruption and pollution from heavy engineering equipment and thousands of HGV movements. (We have lived by the heath since 1971 and walk there most days, weather permitting. It is part of our way of life).
e) the cost, of approximately £17 million is outrageous

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[redacted]

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]

Sent: 29 July 2014 22:42
To: Planning
Subject: Jonathan.Markwell@camden.gov.uk

Categories: Orange Category

I am Avril Kleeman 40 Westfield NW37SF and I wish to object to the plans for the dams on Hampstead Heath Ponds. I fear disfigurement of the Heath, disruption for 2 years, the loss of 160 trees, disfigurement of the Heath, long term closure of parts of the Heath, and damage to wildlife.
Please do not close the Bathing Ponds.
Please do abandon the proposal of the dams on Hampstead Heath, I do not believe that the threat of flooding is realistic, please do not spoil the enjoyment of the Heath for 2 years
Avril Kleeman

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 July 2014 21:01
To: Planning
Subject: Damns

Categories: Orange Category

Hi I am sure I have already sent you an email, but I am totally opposed to the building of damns on our Heath. It is a place of natural beauty and serenity and any such disruption or unnecessary work will just spoil it.

I suggest you all take a rain check on this.

Yours sincerely

Jo Iobek

Jo Lobek

[redacted]

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 July 2014 17:43
To: Planning
Subject: Hamstead Heath - the damns and the loss of it's originality beauty!

Categories: Orange Category

Dear friends,
it would be an absolute disaster if your department was to go ahead with this project with the City of London. I have been swimming in the men's pond nearly every day since 1972. I have meet so many interesting people from all walks of life from the former Lord Chief Justice to Alf the last Rag and Bone man in London who became great friend's. I have been to all the meeting's recently showing horrendous plans which I believe will destroy the total look of the Heath. The design team and the builders want as you all know to cut down nearly 200 hundred ancient tree's on the Heath because the roots would destroy thousands of tons of cement they wish to put down in order to level off the ground after the ancientTrees have been chopped down and disposed off! I love 'The Heath ' it is one of the reasons I live in London! It is so natural- I honesty believe our fore Farther's would turn in their graves if they new what was planned.
This plan has happened only because their is a chance of one in four hundred thousand years that the Ponds would flood and over flow all the way to Kentish Town! Does this make sense to to spend 15 million pounds to one of the treasures of Hamstead Heath which so many generations have loved over the years.?
Sincerely,
Ken Kennedy - a man that loves the' health!

Sent from my iP

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 July 2014 11:09
To: Planning
Subject: Reservoir damming - objection to scheme

Sirs

My wife and I have lived adjoining the heath for 40 years and we take this opportunity to object to the proposed works re Reservoir damming.
We object on the following well rehearsed grounds:
the visual impact
the loss of trees
the pejorative effect on the generally unspoilt character of the neighbourhood

In addition it is well canvassed that the expenditure is grossly disproportionate to the perceived risk.

Further we adopt Lord Hoffman's arguement that not all avenues have been explored. The C of L has ridden roughshod over the objectors rather than temporise and seek a court ruling.

Y/f
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Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 26 July 2014 09:56
To: Dempsey, Matthew
Cc: Planning
Subject: Re: 2014/4332/P Heath Dams

I wish to add detail to my objection submitted earlier:

The visual impact of the scheme will be detrimental to the Heath : It is out of keeping with the rural nature and wooded soft landscaping . The massive naked embankments are overbearing, out of scale and insensitive to the environment , as is a BRICK wall to be built around the lowest Highgate pond.

---Original Message---
From: Alan Fox
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 10:34 PM
To: Dempsey, Matthew
Cc: planning
Subject: Re: 2014/4332/P Heath Dams

I object in the strongest terms to this scheme.

It is grossly out of proportion to any realistic risk.

CoL are totally "misguided" regarding their legal liability under the reservoirs act. (They have only registered one pond as a reservoir in any event).

It is completely contrary to the Heath governing legislation , that requires CoL to retain its "wild" nature.

It will cause totally unacceptable disruption and noise and loss of amenity and denial of access to the Heath or 2 years.

It must contravene all Camden guidelines on amenity and open space.

It must be refused.

Alan Fox 15 Makepeace Ave London N6 6EL

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 17:21
To: Planning
Subject: Application no 2014/4332/P

Hello,

As a resident of Camden I object to application no. 2014/4332/P to construct dams on Hampstead Heath. The proposed application would see over 160 trees cut down. This would devastate the unique and beautiful environment of Hampstead Heath. Further, the proposed construction activities would close the ponds and popular areas of the Heath for over 2 years.

Hampstead Heath is one of London's greatest achievements -- an 800 acre expanse of relatively untouched wildlife. Let's preserve it.

Many thanks,

Jacqueline Pepall

Jacquie Pepall

Director

[redacted]

Gentet, Matthias

From: [redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2014 17:23
To: Planning
Subject: Hampstead Ponds

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to lodge an objection against the development at the ponds on Hampstead Heath. I swim there all the time and of course will be unable to do this when the completely unnecessary work takes place. It will have a very negative environmental impact on a beautiful environment.

You could perhaps take special consideration of my email, since I am one of the people allegedly threatened with drowning if this work does not take place. None of us here want the work done.

Kindest regards

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