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**From:** Paula Ingram [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 December 2015 22:26  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Planning references 2011/4390/P and 2011/4392/C - the Water House, Millfield Lane

Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to express my objections to the re-application to Camden Council for redevelopment of the 'Water House' on Millfield Lane, and accompanying disruption to the surrounding area.

I cannot believe that Camden is still entertaining this proposal, when it is clear that the developers are unable to justify the gross environmental destruction of the surrounding area, with pure profit as the only motive. I call on Camden to use its powers to protect the environment and preserve this very special area for residents, visitors, and future generations, and not to allow the greed and selfishness of developers to override the rights of the many.

I have followed this case for some time and find the attempts of the developers to justify their plans frankly laughable. To me, it only shows how unreasonable their case is. I cite the following examples:

- \* The Council's proposal to close Millfield Lane for two years. I assume this is to avoid accidents from HGVs, and no doubt to hide the destruction that may well go on over this time to what is essentially footpath, not a road. That so many people should be inconvenienced over such a long period of time is utterly unacceptable.
- \* Proposals to use the entrance to the Ladie's Pond as a turning area for HGVs - again this is completely unacceptable - this whole area is undeveloped and cannot possibly be imagined suitable for large vehicles.
- \* Proposals that trees are cut back to allow better movement of trucks. This is permanent damage which would change the character of the area - simply so that developers who have no other investment in the area can profit from increasing the footprint of a house which happens to be on land which is extremely valuable. This is a conservation area. Such areas are designated precisely to control such rampant development fueled by greed.

The pollution, noise and disruption proposed here is simply unacceptable and unjustifiable. I am also given to understand that the developers are unable to guarantee that the drainage system for the large basement development, which involves discharging ground water via a gravel ditch directly onto Hampstead Heath, will not have environmental consequences, such as potential uncontrolled surface water flooding or damage to the water quality in the Bird Sanctuary Pond.

This development is extremely unpopular with residents and visitors, or anyone who loves the Heath, for good reason. Please take your responsibilities for protecting the environment seriously and refuse this application.

Yours faithfully

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