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**From:** Pauline Latchem <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 12 December 2015 13:58  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Planning Application for the Water House - 2011/4390/P

Dear Planning Officers,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed development and associated building work at The Water House in Millfield Lane.

As a regular year round user of the Kenwood Ladies Pond the lane offers safe and easy access, as well as being a delightfully inviting rural path to the pond, charting the changing seasons and the birds coming and going. The atmosphere generates a wonderful calm which sets me and other lane users up for the rest of the day or week in our busy city.

It would be criminal to subject this lovely little - & mainly pedestrian - access lane to the size, weight and volume of numerous polluting HGV's just to satisfy the whims of one homeowner / developer whose plans are completely out of keeping with the local conservation area. The associated noise, dust and vibrations would ruin the atmosphere of the Highgate side of the Heath, and risk damaging the natural environment and ecological balance and the lane itself would be reduced to a muddy morass. Any plans to avoid that by hardsurfacing the lane would ruin its rural aspect.

On a personal note, I am profoundly deaf and would not be able to hear the vehicles coming. Deafness is not an obvious disability so lorry drivers might deliberately rev their engines or drive too close in order to pass, risking an accident.

The Hampstead Heath Act 1871 included a clause: "The Board shall at all times preserve, as far as may be, the natural aspect and state of the Heath."

Additionally Hampstead Heath Protection Society was set up in 1897, with the express objective of "the preservation of the original Heath in its wild and natural state and also the preservation of the natural characteristic features of later additions to the Heath so far as is consistent with their full enjoyment by the public."

I believe that allowing the development to go ahead will be against the principles outlined and would urge the council to reject the application.

Yours sincerely,

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