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18th December 2015

Dear Mr Thuair,

Application Ref: 2015/6280/P

I am the owner of The Lodge at Jack Straw's Castle, I write in support of the proposals (Ref: 2015/6280/P and 23015/6447/L) for the restoration and conversion at Heath House, North End Way.

Heath House has been vacant for a considerable time, and it has been disappointing to see the property fall into a poor state of repair. The property is a very prominent feature of the local area, and it is critical that this scheme is granted planning consent to ensure the longevity of this heritage asset. Equally, I would be delighted to see a scheme come forward to upgrade the premises back to their former glory!

I consider the subdivision of the property to provide 6 residential units is a sensible and appropriate proposal, providing much needed residential units into this area of Hampstead. Equally, it is much more efficient to provide six modest sized family units rather than a one enormous dwelling for a single family. As a neighbour, it is positive that externally viewing the site from North End Way that the property will still appear to be a single residential dwelling and therefore uphold the historic characteristic for which it has been designated Grade II* status for. The provision of 6 flats will not have an impact on local traffic level, indeed the Whitestones Pond junction is already busy.

I also recognise that this mimics the previous planning consent. I have no concerns with the proposed basement. It will not have any implications for neighbours, and there won't be any visible changes at ground level which should be commended.

I note that English Heritage fully support the proposals in their letter dated 11th December 2015 and it is disappointing that Heath and Hampstead amenity Society do not also see the benefits that the restoration will bring to Heath House. They fail to acknowledge that the proposal will restore the premises and ensure that house stays standing! Blocking this application will only prevent the restoration of the house and lead to its further degradation. I consider that it is critical that LB Camden approve this application to ensure that Heath House can be refurbished to its former glory and its historic value preserved.

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In summary, I consider that the proposed restoration is appropriate and will ensure the longevity of this heritage asset for future generations. The scheme will bring back Heath House from a vacant and dilapidated state ensuring it is restored to its former glory. Equally, the restoration of Heath House will improve the character of the historic Whitestone Ponds area as a gateway into Hampstead.

In short, I urge that LB Camden approve this application without delay.

Yours Sincerely,

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Barry Angel