



From: Currie, Tom (Councillor)
Sent: 17 March 2016 12:19
To: Phillips, Kate
Subject: Old Court House/Planning Application 2015/6993/P

Dear Kate,

I object to the above planning application, on the following grounds.

1. The site address given on the application form is incorrect. It is stated as being within the grounds of Jack Straw's Castle, whereas I understand that the site is within the boundary of Old Court House. This appears to be confirmed by comparing the Council's own location map that accompanies the online application, against the block plan that the applicant has submitted. The application is therefore misleading and inaccurate, and should be resubmitted with the correction information.
2. The site has had numerous planning applications attached to it, including 2006/1617/P. This requires the communal area to be cultivated for the enjoyment of 1, 2, and 3 Old Court House. Granting permission for a residential shed, for the sole enjoyment and usage of the owner of a property that is on an entirely different site, would clearly contravene this permission.
3. I understand that the site in question is Metropolitan Open Land. Core Strategy 15 states that "Camden's designated open spaces include Metropolitan Open Land. This is open space of London-wide significance that provides a break in the built up area and receives the same presumption against development as green belt land." It goes on to say that:

"The Council will preserve and enhance the historic, open space and nature conservation importance of Hampstead Heath and its surrounding area by:

l) protecting the Metropolitan Open Land, public and private open space and the nature conservation designations of sites;

...

n) taking into account the impact on the Heath when considering relevant planning applications;

o) protecting views from Hampstead Heath and views across the Heath and its surrounding area;"

An application for development on the land clearly contravenes all of these points.

Once the principle of granting planning permission on this MOL has been established, it will become far easier for future development to be granted. The Council has stated previously that this land is to be cultivated for the enjoyment of the residents at Old Court House; allowing a structure to be built that is only accessible and used by the owner of an entirely different property is quite clearly in absolute contravention of this condition.

I therefore urge that the application be rejected.

Regards,

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