

WITNESS STATEMENT OF GEORGIA ABRAMS.

RE: THE WATER HOUSE, MILLFIELD LANE, HIGHGATE N6

I, Georgia Abrams, of Fitzroy Lodge, Fitzroy Park, Highgate, London N6 state:

1.0 Property ownership:

- 1.1 My husband and I have lived at Fitzroy Lodge for more than 20 years. We are the current registered proprietors of the property that sits between Fitzroy Park and Millfield Lane. In fact, our home overlooks Millfield Lane.
- 1.2 Our neighbours are Apex Lodge to the east and 55 Fitzroy Park to the west.

2.0 Ownership of Millfield Lane and rights of way:

- 2.1 As the registered owners of Fitzroy Lodge we own that part of Millfield Lane adjacent to our property up to the middle of the road where it boundaries with the Heath, which is currently managed by the City of London.
- 2.2 We have a brick-built boundary retaining wall facing Millfield Lane with a wide natural verge, that is usually covered in vegetation, including brambles and so on.

3.0 The proposed use of Millfield Lane

- 3.1 I am very concerned about the proposed use of so many HGVs over such a long period along Millfield Lane by the developer of the Water House. The Lane is particularly narrow by my property, so it will be impossible for pedestrians, cyclists or children in buggies to squeeze past such large vehicles safely.
- 3.2 I am also concerned that the noise and vibration of these HGVs as they pass by so close to our property will disturb the tranquility of my home.
- 3.2 I was here when the Water House was developed in the 1990s and do not remember any similar large vehicles being necessary to complete their works at that time.

4.0 Maintenance of Millfield Lane

- 4.1 During the past four or so months, I was totally shocked to discover that my entire verge had been completely cleared – literally stripped back - of all vegetation without my consent. This has changed the character and ambience of the Lane along my boundary.
- 4.2 Neighbouring landowners and the City of London have confirmed that they did not undertake these works. It is therefore unclear who did clear my boundary, but it appears to have coincided with the Planning Application for the Water House coming to a head.

5.0 Consultation

- 5.1 At no time during the past 3 or more years have I been contacted by the owner of the Water House, his Architect, his Agent or any other of his consultants, to seek my permission to use my verge as a pedestrian refuge as part of his construction management plan.
- 5.2 Neither have I been asked to consent to tests to the surface of the Lane or refused any such permission, contrary to statements made by the owner's Agent to Camden Council.
- 5.3. Neither have I been contacted by the owner's tree expert to discuss cutting back any of my trees that overhang Millfield Lane.

Signed:



Georgia Abrams

Dated: 27/3/2016.