

WITNESS STATEMENT OF JANE SHALLICE.

RE: THE WATER HOUSE, MILLFIELD LANE, HIGHGATE N6

I, Jane Shallice, Chair of the Kenwood Ladies Pond Association state:

1. Kenwood Ladies Pond Association:

- i. The KLPA was set up in the 1985 and currently has over 450 Members.
- ii. I have been a Member since 1999.

2. Use of Millfield Lane:

- i. The sole access to the Ladies' Pond is by way of Millfield Lane, other than by a back gate, which leads from the path over the meadow to the west.
- ii. Since the Club was established Members have enjoyed unfettered access to the Pond by foot or bicycle, without interruption, for more than 30 years. At no time has the Lane been obstructed, with Members being required to walk around large vans or Heavy Good Vehicles, which by definition poses considerable dangers. In fact I have rarely seen any vehicles using Millfield Lane and those that I do see are private cars, not HGVs or vans.
- iii. Having been a swimmer in the Ladies' pond since the 1980s, I remember when the Water House was rebuilt or renovated in the mid-90s. None of the swimmers were put at risk by construction traffic because the works were carried out by a few, very modest sized vehicles. Certainly not HGVs. Furthermore, the project only lasted approximately 12 – 18 months limiting the noise, dust and general building inconvenience to Members to a reasonable level.
- iv. At no time have I witnessed any changes to the Lane to facilitate any local development. The railings outside the Ladies Pond entrance have never been moved. Nor have verges or tree branches been cut back to allow lorries through.
- v. During the past year I have noticed that the character of the Lane has been steadily altered with vegetation having been cut back and verges cleared. I have been assured by both the Superintendent of the Heath, and a local resident that this was not done by land-owners. I have noted that the extensive clearing has coincided with the Application to redevelop the Water House being considered.
- vi. KLPA members are grateful that the City of London chose not to use Millfield Lane for recent construction works at the Ladies' Pond as part of the Pond Project works. I understand that the reason for this was because they considered the Lane unsuitable for any significant construction traffic

3. Safety and Accidents at KLPA

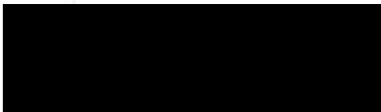
- i. There have been two major accidents at the Ladies Pond in recent years involving one fatality when police officers and ambulances were required to attend the pond urgently.

Each year there are around three or four times that emergency vehicles have been called to the pond.

4. Communications with the current owner of the Water House and his Architect:

- i. The KLPA has never met the owner of the Water House.
- ii. A few key Members attended a meeting with the Architects and Agent some three or more years ago. We have not had any contact since then, either to discuss their wider plans or to consult on the extensive CTMP.
- iii. The KLPA have been consistent in reporting that our Membership considers the scale of the development as an overdevelopment of such a sensitive site with such constrained access, adjacent to Hampstead Heath.

Signed by:

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Jane Shallice

Chair of Kenwood Ladies' Pond Association

Dated:

March 24th 2016