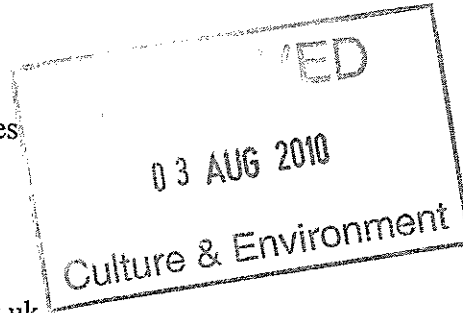


30 July 2010

Mr Charles Thuaire
Development Control Planning Services
London Borough of Camden
Town Hall, Argyle Street
London WC1H 8ND



By email to: env.devcon@camden.gov.uk

Dear Mr Thuaire

**Planning Application 2010/2845/P
Fairground Site, Vale of Health, London NW3 1AU**

I refer to the above planning application and am writing to register my objection to it. I have obtained a copy of the Vale of Health Society submission on this matter and add my name and support to their representations. I set out my additional comments below.

Absence of adequate notice

I only recently become aware of the application through a random conversation with a neighbour. This is somewhat disappointing as

1. I do read the notices posted on lampposts around the Vale and do not recall seeing any notice relevant to this item
2. As an occupant of the Gables (and around 20 yards away from the site) I would have expected to receive written notification from yourselves of the application

Thus my precedent questions

- do either (a) you (Camden); or (b) the applicant, have an obligation to:
 1. Place notices in the area; and/or
 2. To provide individual notices to potentially closely affected dwellings
- What steps did either (a) you; or (b) to your knowledge, the applicant, take in relation to such matter

Substantive objection

This site is classified as Metropolitan Open Land ("MOL") and Private Open Space and lies within the Hampstead Conservation Area.



Whilst each individual application must be considered on its own merits, I am concerned that gradual adjustments (even if, which I do not accept, seemingly innocuous on their own) lead to eventual erosion of the protection that MOL and HCA are intended to secure. Indeed I suspect that this application is submitted as part of such a medium term strategy.

As noted above, I also adopt the objections registered by the Vale of Health Society.

Factual Observations

I purchased 4, The Gables in July 2005 but only moved in during April 2006. Even in that period (cf. VOHS referred to change from 2003), I have noticed a general increase in the numbers of caravans located on the site – though with considerable fluctuation.

I also have the strong impression (from noise – people, radios, dogs etc.) that whilst caravans may be on the site, they are very far from continuously occupied. Indeed in the winter I sense that it is more of a storage site.

It is also clear that the numbers vary from time to time – with the peak of individual occupancy undoubtedly coinciding with the various fairs on the Heath. Indeed on a number of occasions one or more occupants have run a burger van at the right hand side of the site.

Conditions if (contrary to my objection) a Certificate of Lawfulness is granted in respect of any part of the site

Again I support the Vale of Health Society statements on this matter.

I would also add that there should be a requirement for the fencing around the site to be entirely renewed and fully maintained but in sympathy with the environment. A sturdy log wood fence draped with wall flowers would do the trick.

There should be a further requirement not to have outside music or TVs.

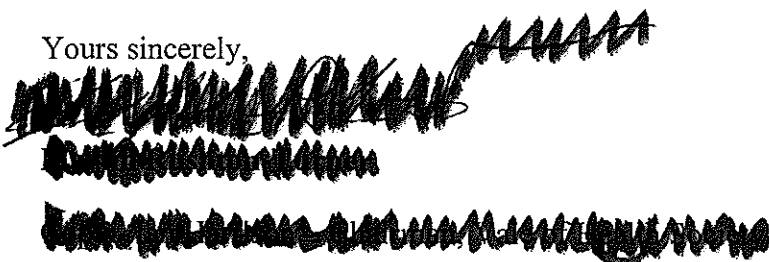
Request

In addition to your normal circulation, I would ask you to provide a copy of this letter to the local councillors (Chris Knight, Kirsty Roberts, Linda Chung and Flick Rea)

Conclusion

I appreciate your consideration of my objections. Hopefully the frictional costs for all of us (as Council Taxpayers) of litigation will be avoided.

Yours sincerely,

A large, dark, handwritten signature is written over the 'Yours sincerely,' line. Below the signature, the address '4, The Gables' is written in a similar dark, handwritten style. The handwriting is somewhat messy and ink-heavy.

