



The Heath & Hampstead Society

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The Society examines all Planning Applications relating to Hampstead, and assesses them for their impact on conservation and on the local environment.

To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team

Planning Ref: 2016/3968/P

Address: West Heath Tennis Club Croft Way NW3

Description: Floodlighting

Case Officer: Anna Roe Date: 27 September 2016

This proposal, to install floodlighting at an intensive level of illumination in the middle of a residential area is quite unacceptable.

9 floodlight columns of 6 metres height are proposed.

The Consultants Report, based largely on standard LTA standards, concentrates on the illumination levels designed for the courts themselves, and though making reference to spillage of light, this is dealt with as a minor consequence of the proposal.

The fact is that many residents around the club site, in Ferncroft Avenue, Kidderpore Gardens and the KCL site now under construction would be severely harmed, around the year, but chiefly in autumn and wintertime, when the light goes early. It is not enough to say that the lights would only be on up to 2130 hrs; this would intrude on the ordinary use of their houses and gardens by very many local residents.

By extending the hours of playing time, noise pollution would also be extended, as would the general levels of activity and traffic disturbance on this large site.

There must be scope here for discussion and compromise, perhaps on the matter of usage hours. If this is rejected, we must call for refusal.