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2016/3968/P	Dr Vicki Harding	Garden Flat 19 Frognal Lane NW3 7DB NW3 7DB	09/10/2016 10:58:38	OBJ	<p>I am sending in an additional objection to the one already sent on behalf of the Heath & Hampstead Society, in my role as Tree Officer.</p> <p>I am extremely concerned about light spillage from the proposed floodlighting of the tennis court and its impact upon wildlife. In particular that affecting the bats and tawny owls that are known to fly in this area, using the tall trees and veteran trees of the area as flight routes and to forage. I consider the lighting proposed is for too long into the evening and insufficient evidence is given to indicate the light spillage for wildlife as well as to residents.</p> <p>This is an important part of a Green Corridor that will be proposed for protection by the Hampstead and Redington Frognal Neighbourhood Forums as it runs across both. This Green Corridor links into the Hampstead Ridge Strategic Green Corridor and towards the Thameslink Railway Strategic Green Corridor.</p> <p>We have already lost the important habitat associated with Camden's SINC CaB1109 due to the Mount Anvil demolitions and tree removals. This site is immediately next door so if the work to replace habitat at the Kings College site is to retain any credibility, it needs as much support for wildlife from its neighbours as is possible.</p> <p>Dr Vicki Harding</p>

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2016/3968/P	Jaipooja Choraria	31 Ferncroft Avenue NW3 7PG	07/10/2016 13:06:00	OBJ	<p>To the council</p> <p>Referring to the Redington & Froggnal Conservation Area guidelines. "Rear gardens contribute to the townscape of the Conservation Area and provide a significant amenity to residents and a habitat for wildlife. Development within the gardens is likely to be unacceptable." While this proposal is not a development within a garden, the quaint nature of the 100 year old tennis club, a self-proclaimed "grassy idyll", contributes to the amenity of the gardens that back on to it. Gardens are only separated by thin walls, a narrow pathway and some mesh wiring, with the tallest current structure being the thin small poles that hold the wiring up which are adjacent to the walls. In that sense, the tennis club, which never would have been permissioned in our modern time in a prime residential area, provides an open, unobstructed green space (almost like a communal garden) that enhances the amenity of the rear of our homes.</p> <p>The introduction of floodlights will be negative to the habitat and nocturnal wildlife which the conservation area is meant to protect. In addition, overbearing, unsightly, industrial like floodlights (being green does not help) will severely damage the amenity of residents' gardens and would undoubtedly also reduce the value of homes that back onto the courts.</p> <p>As well as ruining the picturesque scenery, while the ground level light dispersion may be lower than older technology floodlights (the clue is in the name, flood(of)light), the visible light pollution and light trespass in homes, children's bedrooms and other living areas will be most unwelcome, along with the negative health effects associated with light pollution, including headaches, fatigue, stress and anxiety. My children's bedrooms are purposefully placed at the rear of the property (that face the courts) to avoid the light trespass from street lighting and passing vehicles at the front of house.</p> <p>Similar planning was requested in 1983 (Application number: 35976) and was "considered unacceptable as the effect of the floodlighting would be detrimental to the amenity of the adjoining residents". I think this is reason enough to reject the proposal again, notwithstanding the damage to habitat, scenery and mental wellbeing of neighbouring residents.</p> <p>All of this so that "as summer changes into autumn and the nights get darker it means people can keep playing for a couple of hours" (quote from the applicant) ignoring the fact that the weather also worsens, so the demand to play on outdoor courts diminishes anyway, and the impact of MAJOR alterations just to extend the possibility of play by a couple of hours.</p> <p>An expansion of club's activities is neither supported by the infrastructure, nor is it value enhancing for the area, nor is it appropriate given the dominance of residential property around the courts. I urge you to reject this proposal again, and keep the club as it is, a quaint, picturesque grassy idyll, that somehow has found itself nestled in a family oriented prime residential area, providing welcome open green space, and a tolerable level of footfall and noise given the club's usage is moderated by the British weather and summertime daylight hours.</p>