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2017/1762/P	Hollender	4 Alvanley Gardens London NW6 1JD	17/05/2017 19:24:40	COMMNT	Re: Planning Application No. 2017/1762/P

We object to the above application on the following grounds:

Lack of Need

Playing tennis and cricket on grass are summer pastimes usually between May and September, subject to weather conditions - a maximum of 4.5 months.

For over 100 years the lawn tennis courts and cricket pitch at the Cumberland and Hampstead Cricket Clubs have been watered (when necessary) by hose pipe or sprinkler. A simple, non-invasive, environmentally sound and easily controlled system. Such a system has proved acceptable for some of the worlds finest players, including Bjorn Borg and Vitas Garulitis during their pre-Wimbledon training.

There is no necessity to extend the watering capacity available to the club as the facilities have not and cannot increase. The proposal talks of "12 tennis courts". In fact there only 4 lawn tennis courts (the others are 'hard') one of which is always damp due to its position below a terrace which drains on to the court. The situation of the club at the bottom means that it is at a low point for water run-off from Hampstead Heath.

Only one cricket pitch (22yards long and 10 feet wide) is used at any one time and can easily be watered by present methods.

No need or justification for an industrial watering system has been demonstrated.

2. The proposal does not comply with Camden Development Policies.

Section DP23 states:

"The Council will require developments to reduce their water consumption by capturing, retaining and re-using surface water and grey water on site."

This proposal shows no environmental benefits compatible with this requirement.

3. The proposal does not comply with DP26 "noise and vibration levels".

"Noise/vibration pollution has a major effect on amenity and health and can be a particularly significant issue in Camden given the borough's dense urban nature."

The proposal contains nothing to indicate that noise pollution has been considered and provides no information on hours or method of operation.

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The proposed pump is situated on the boundary of the cricket field directly opposite the houses of Alvanley Gardens. There is no indication as to how the water is to be delivered to the wicket. Furthermore, there are buildings between the proposed site of the pump and the 4 grass tennis courts - how is the water to pass through these solid structures?

This is a foolish, ill thought out, unnecessary and seriously flawed proposal for a private members club and should be rejected.

Yours faithfully
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