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Dear Mr Thuaire

Appn. No. 2017/4346/P – Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed)

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association objects to this application for a certificate of lawfulness (proposed).

The Suburb was developed in conjunction with extending Hampstead Heath to the north by adding the Extension and has been given Article 4 status in recognition of its international importance as one of the finest examples of early 20th Century domestic architecture and town planning. The Residents Association represents over 4,000 residents, many of whom are regular users of the Heath.

The Northern Fairground site in the Vale of Health has, as demonstrated in the supporting papers to the application, long been a mixed use site with a varying mix of storage and maintenance of fairground equipment and temporary residences in caravans. The fundamental principle being mobility and the ability easily to change the on-site mix. The proposed use by permanent residential bungalows (as shown on page 9 of the Planning Supporting Statement) with driveways and parking for cars is such a major change to this principle that it cannot be covered by a Certificate of Lawfulness.

The site is particularly sensitive as not only is it on the very edge of the Vale of Health Pond but it is also Metropolitan Open Land (MOL). This application is thus an attempt to avoid the need for a planning application to build permanent residential bungalows on MOL and granting this application would set a disastrous legal precedent for the destruction of many other pieces of MOL adjoining the Heath.

We urge the Council to reject the application.

Yours sincerely

David B Lewis
Chairman