



Attn. Charles Thuaire

My concerns and objections to the new **Millfield Lane gate design** are as follows:

I am a daily user of Kenwood Ladies' Pond and was very dismayed recently by the obvious danger to pedestrians when I watched a vehicle emerge from the gate of the Water House with no banksman present. Millfield Lane is often busy with a steady stream of pedestrians, swimmers, walkers and dog walkers, people with push chairs and toddlers and cyclists. On this occasion a vehicle with a long bonnet was emerging, nose first, into the lane. The new double gate, flush with the new fence, meant that the driver had no view of the Lane and its users until the front of the bonnet was well into the lane. There seems to have been constructed a second fence which has effectively obliterated the function of the recessed gate in use up to now. The recessed gate allows a view of the lane in either direction before the front the vehicle pushes onto the lane. If the recessed gate is replaced with one flush to the outer fence the driver will not be able to see it there is anyone approaching in the lane other than directly in front of the emerging vehicle.

The increased popularity of all year round swimming and focus on the health benefits of walking and cycling mean that the number of year round pedestrians along Millfield Lane (allegedly and preciously the last unlit lane in London) has increased substantially even over the last five years.

I must therefore strenuously object to the proposed bringing of the gate to level with the fence at the Waterhouse.

Although all Pond users appreciate the considered approach to the building of the new house, safety for pedestrians along this route must be paramount. If there are to be tradesmen, deliveries, visitors, and workers arriving daily in vehicles along the lane then public safety must be paramount.

It would seem that, given the special nature of Millfield Lane special consideration should therefor be given to ensuring that any additional traffic generated after the completion of the Water House should be most carefully regulated and limited, for public safety and the preservation of the nature of Nightingale Lane as it has historically been known.

Delivery drivers in a hurry could pose a real threat to the safety of Lane users.

I look forward to hearing from you.

