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Dear Mr Fowler

## **TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED) NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK 2021**

### **Land at Branch Hill Corner of Branch Hill/West Heath Road Hampstead Heath London NW3**

*The creation of a pond (measuring approximately 13m x 17m) with surrounding timber fence and planting to public open space.*

### **Recommend No Archaeological Requirement**

Thank you for your consultation dated 25 November 2021.

The Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS) gives advice on archaeology and planning. Our advice follows the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the GLAAS Charter.

NPPF section 16 and the London Plan (2021 Policy HC1) make the conservation of archaeological interest a material planning consideration. .

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Having considered the proposals with reference to information held in the Greater London Historic Environment Record and/or made available in connection with this application, I conclude that the proposal is unlikely to have a significant effect on heritage assets of archaeological interest.

The site lies in an area of potential archaeological interest comprising the Tier III Hampstead Heath Archaeological Priority Area. A review of the geotechnical data provided with the application suggested that, south of the proposed pond area, gravel deposits of possible archaeological interest survive just below the topsoil. However, the investigations carried out in the area of the proposed pond demonstrated that extensive truncation of the gravel deposits had taken place, likely due to quarrying in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Therefore, if the area of impact from the proposed development is limited to the area shown on the proposed development plan, there should be no impact on archaeological deposits of significance.

No further assessment or conditions are therefore necessary.

This response relates solely to archaeological considerations. If necessary, Historic England's Development Advice Team should be consulted separately regarding statutory matters.

Yours sincerely

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