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Dear Ms Mayo

**RE: Constable's Branch Hill Pond Hampstead Heath**

Thank you for developing proposals for the restoration of Branch Hill Pond on Hampstead Heath.

I can confirm the City of London Corporation is supportive of the outline proposals in principle and welcomes the opportunity to work with yourselves and the wider community to deliver this project to enhance biodiversity of Hampstead Heath.

The application for funding needs to take account of the following points: -

- The pond should appear as wild and natural as possible ideally without lining and platforms.
- If the pond is to be used for education purposes, then this will require engagement with the Heath's Learning Team.
- Road run-off should be avoided but field run-off may be enhanced.
- The size of the pond should be dependent on hydrological conditions and it may be of greater value ecologically (as well as visually) to have a smaller pond that retains water rather than a larger one that dries out. Further investigations are required. The pond may well dry out during summer months as the input sources may not be sufficient. This occurs on several of the Heaths spring and rainwater fed smaller ponds.
- Fencing is likely to be required to prevent dog/other access to encourage biodiversity. This should fit in with landscape and be as unobtrusive as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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