

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2022/2452/P	Margaret Picken	19/07/2022 18:00:45	OBJ	<p>I oppose granting planning permission for the work at the Pond as detailed in the planning application unless the following concerns are fully addressed and resolved in meaningful consultation with users of the Pond and the wider community.</p> <p>It is essential that the underlying damp and drainage issues in the changing rooms be dealt with and properly resolved before any other work is carried out.</p> <p>The application's focus on 'security' and infrastructure rather than improved accessibility is troubling. I object to building a permanent stewards' hut near the main entrance area. It will harm the natural aspect of the Heath, create an offensive approach to the Pond, and further enforce social and financial exclusion. Access to the Pond was free until 2005 and based on voluntary charges until 2020. Unfettered access should be re-instated not further eroded. I have similar objections to the plans to rebuild the rear fence and gate also on grounds of visual impact and giving the impression of a fortress.</p> <p>Indeed there's a risk of creating a 'gated' community and it is regrettable that KPLA was not consulted on these proposals. There is widespread concern that the common land of the Heath is in danger of being increasingly privatised and commercialised with people in the borough being shut out or no longer taking pleasure in their natural surroundings and staying away. The Council's ethos and role should instead be one of welcoming everyone.</p>
2022/2452/P	Alison Watson	19/07/2022 11:39:58	INT	<p>It is essential to address the damp/mould problems in the changing rooms before starting any other work.</p> <p>I have no objection to a Steward's hut providing it is well designed, unobtrusive and necessary.</p> <p>Why have you not carried out an Equalities Impact Assessment before re the disability toilet?</p>
2022/2452/P	Gillian Tindall	19/07/2022 15:51:35	AMEND	<p>I see no reason at all to replace the back gate: you cannot make an enclosure such as the Ladies Pond fully secure except by erecting high barbed wire etc. - v. undesirable, and unnecessary anyway.</p> <p>Whether the employees' current truck needs to be replaced by a permanent structure would seem to me to be a matter for them to decide.</p> <p>The proposed 'improvement and refurbishment' does not address the most fundamental and much complained-of fault in the present design - the inadequate rake of the floor in the main changing room and consequently useless drain. The old changing room, that was replaced a few years back (I think after a fire?), had a much simpler design which worked well and never produced the current endemic flooding problem.</p>