

Great news – LifeCare's ludicrous planning application refused by Camden

Dear members, friends and supporters,

Camden has refused LifeCare's planning application to turn the reservoir space in to six-storey blocks of luxury retirement homes. This is a huge relief to all the 1,600 people who signed our petition against the ludicrous over-development.

Well done and thank you to Camden for properly applying its policies and taking note of over 180 objection letters. Of course, we'll need to wait and see what LifeCare does next, and we expect that we will have to prepare for an appeal in due course.

Camden's [officer's report](#) reasons for refusal (available [here](#)) and full report (here) are generally strong, including contravention of policies relating to Open Space; biodiversity; exclusivity; height, mass and scale; affordable housing; loss of amenity; design; and to a lesser extent transport and parking.

It has been a real community effort, and we are delighted that Gondar & Agamemnon, Hillfield & Aldred, Sarre, Menelik and Fordwych residents' associations, and the Neighbourhood Development Forum and West Hampstead Amenity & Transport have all worked well together and presented a consistent and united front. A great team effort, and excellent news for this green lung, protected slow worms, and everyone who cares about the environment.

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Yours,
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