

GARA EGM [on 3rd March](#)

We advised you last week that Linden Wates (LW) have submitted a planning application for the Gondar Gardens reservoir site. We set a date for an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) on Thursday 3rd March at 7.45pm at the Fortune Green Play Centre.

Here's why we need an EGM:

1. We have an actual planning application to deal with. At their exhibition in October, LW presented some sketches of 16 houses within the area of the disused reservoir. Whilst their proposal is broadly unchanged, their planning application runs to over 40 documents and drawings, totalling over 100Mb of files. At the EGM we will help explain which are the important documents and what they mean.
2. GARA has commissioned advice from planning, transport and ecology consultants. This tells us some of the strengths and weaknesses of LW's planning application. We will summarise this advice at the EGM. In essence, LW's case is not strong in planning terms but they are offering Camden a significant contribution towards affordable housing elsewhere in the borough.
3. LW have proposed to create a legally binding covenant on themselves and future land owners that would prevent any future development beyond that shown on their current planning application. Of course, they want GARA's support in exchange.

GARA's default position remains as per the October EGM - absolute opposition to any development. However, we think that you, our members, should hear the proposition and decide how to respond.

GARA remains committed to protecting and enhancing our environment.

Looking forward to some lively discussion [on 3rd March](#),