

Gondar Gardens Reservoir – Newsflash 1-Feb-12

The owners of the reservoir site have launched an appeal against Camden's refusal of the "in the hole" scheme; and submitted a new planning application for a "street frontage" scheme.

1. **Scheme 1 – 16 houses within the volume of the covered reservoir – Linden Wates has launched an appeal against Camden’s refusal of this scheme** – more information when we learn more about the details and the timetable for this process.

2. **Scheme 2 – filling-in the street frontage with a mix of mansion blocks and town houses – Linden Wates has registered a planning application (31-Jan-12) for this scheme**
 - See <http://planningrecords.camden.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer17/GeneralSearch.aspx> and search for planning application number 2012/0521/P or try this link: [2012/0521/P](http://planningrecords.camden.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer17/GeneralSearch.aspx?search=2012/0521/P)
 - Deadline for comments: 22-Feb-12 – submit via Camden’s website, e-mail or post
 - This is the scheme that LW presented at meetings in December. It attempts to answer the reasons for rejection of the previous scheme by completing the street frontage rather than creating a separate off-street enclave. But it would still encroach into the protected space; it would block views across the site from the street or from the houses in Sarre Road; and it would raise all the issues related to parking, traffic and other services.
 - The key document to review is the “ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT NON TECHNICAL SUMMARY”
 - GARA will seek professional advice as we did for Scheme 1 and keep you briefed

3. **Neighbourhood Plans** – the new Localism Bill, which will be effective from April 2012, allows any group of at least 21 people to develop a local plan for their area. A large group of residents’ associations in West Hampstead and Fortune Green wards has agreed to produce such a plan for our area. Whilst the legislation is primarily aimed at rural areas without any existing planning policy, and Camden already has its Local Development Framework, we feel it is an opportunity to define local planning policy that cannot be missed. Many thanks to James Earl who brought us all together and is the interim Chair of this association of associations.