

Ms Anne Fairweather,
Chairman, Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee
City of London, Guildhall,
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Dear Ms Fairweather

Approval and adoption of the Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Plan

I am writing on behalf of the Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum (DPNF) to let you know about the next phase of the Forum, now that the Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) has been made. I would also like to seek your advice on and support for a number of projects.

This plan was approved by a local referendum in February 2020. It was formally adopted on 2nd March 2020, after a referendum in which 87.9% of the votes cast were in favour. The referendum and details of the Plan can be viewed online at our website www.dpnf.org. Details can also be found on the Camden website at:

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/web/guest/dartmouth-park-neighbourhood-forum>

A copy is attached for ease of reference.

The next phase involves acting as statutory consultee and a custodian of the Plan as well as taking forward a number of projects. The vision for the area is set out in the plan. A key part of it is to ensure that the area's village character, rich architectural heritage, attractive green streets, open spaces and natural environment are not only maintained but enhanced. The Plan covers the area of the Heath from Gospel Oak station to Swain's Lane. It contains 38 references to Hampstead Heath in the text.

During the drafting of the plan, the City of London were consulted on possible projects on the Heath. These are detailed in the extract below:

Project 17: Hampstead Heath: The Forum has identified the following projects to improve the facilities on Hampstead Heath. The City of London is responsible for the Heath, and it would be necessary to work with the Hampstead Heath Management Committee to develop and implement these projects.

Replacement trees: Planting a line of trees parallel to those lining Highgate Road, to serve as a backup when the existing trees reach the end of their lives or if they are affected by disease.

Opening up views: Removing more metal railings and hedging, to open out views and access and encourage the rural feel of Hampstead Heath.

Additional trees: Planting more trees along the path between the staff yard and Nassington Road, along the path up to the Lido, and delineating the football pitches north of the Lido.

Project 18: ACVs: The Forum recognises the importance of the pubs to the vibrancy of the Area and to generate footfall for other businesses in the Area. The Dartmouth Arms has already been designated as an Asset of Community Value, but the Forum would support the designation of the other pubs in the Area as ACVs. We also support the designation of both the Lido café and Parliament Hill café on the Heath as ACVs.

We would be very grateful for your advice on and views as to the next steps in taking forward these projects.

- Is the CoL will progress Project 17 in its entirety or in part in the near future?
- As to project 18, has the CoL any objection to registering these two sites as ACVs?

We would be grateful if you could inform the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee at their next meeting of the publication of the neighbourhood plan, ask them to note the proposed projects and advise us of their views and possible actions. We would like those that cannot be progressed at present be left on file for possible future action.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Maya de Souza

Chair, Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum

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