

HAMPSTEAD HEATH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND WATER QUALITY PROJECT

*This submission is made by Dr Susan Rose, Chair of the Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee. It refers to the report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath circulated for discussion under Agenda item 12b for the Committee meeting on 9 July 2012 (“the Report”).*

1 IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS

Up to now no attention appears to have been given to the potentially devastating impact these unprecedented construction and engineering works on the Heath will have on

- people living in the narrow roads adjacent to, or leading to the Heath, and
- those who habitually use these roads for access to the Heath, and how such access will be maintained while the works are in progress.

The works are scheduled in the outline timetable (p 7) to take place over 18 months, from March 2014 to August 2015, which includes two summers. Should overrun occur, the period could well be two years or more.

Loss of amenity would include

- noise, dust and other pollution from the works
- disruption of local traffic
- deprivation of parking facilities
- risk, especially to children and the elderly.

It is therefore vital to establish now the principle that **works impact management** must form an integral part at every stage of the planning of, tendering for and execution of the works, and should include

- **a works impact management plan** formulated after full and effective consultation with local residents CAACs and user associations, and kept under continuous review;
- **appropriate professional expertise** in devising and implementing the plan, eg briefing of traffic management consultants;
- **a works impact management team** responsible for implementing the plan and receiving and dealing with queries and complaints.

## 2 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HEATH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*Paras 12-13* The Design Review process must include detailed recommendations on how the adverse impact of the works should be minimised and what further studies/information are needed in this connection.

*Paras 14-21* The tendering and appointment process, and contracts and specifications, must require all contractors to provide effective works impact management.

*Para 23- Corporate and Strategic Implications*

Add "In carrying out the works all practicable measures will be taken to minimise the adverse impact of the engineering and construction works on the local community and users of the Heath"

*Page 9 - Diagram of relationships*

The requirement to minimise the impact of the works, and the role of the Works Impact Management Team proposed above. should feature here.