

Dear NDF member,

A reminder that the next NDF public meeting will be held on Monday, 4 December 2017 in West Hampstead Library at 7:30 pm. We will be sending out the formal agenda nearer the time.

The minutes of the last public meeting, held on 12 September 2017, are [here](#).

Meanwhile here is some news about local planning applications:

GONDAR GARDENS

The latest, long awaited, application to develop the old reservoir site in Gondar Gardens has been submitted to Camden. The scheme is very similar to that shown at the exhibition in June 2107, but comes with a withering number of supporting documents. Succinctly, it comprises 82 luxury flats and 15 nursing beds in six-storey blocks, with a private swimming pool and catering and nursing facilities.

The view of many locals and the NDF Committee is that it is excessively bulky, too high and is over-development in relation to its surroundings. We think it is likely to have an impact on parking and congestion over a wider area than the immediate streets, is not a good site for the elderly given the steep hill on Gondar Gardens, and that luxury retirement homes are not what Camden needs in additional housing, in particular in West Hampstead which has a high proportion of young adults.

Gondar and Agamemnon Residents Association (GARA) is leading a campaign of objection to the project, and the NDF will support them, and will object in its own right. GARA are asking people to sign a petition and to object individually. They are planning a leaflet delivery in all the neighbouring streets. The planning reference is [2017/6045/P](#). **Click on the link to go to Camden's Planning pages to see the application and make comments.** Consultation closes on 28 November 2017.

OTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Since our last meeting there have been many new applications. We have commented on the following. If you click on the planning reference number you will be taken to the relevant page on Camden's website.

- 82 Compayne Gardens [2017/4519/P](#)
- 33 Ulysses Road [2017/4907/P](#) (we objected but the scheme was then modified and we have withdrawn the objection)
- Advertising stands/telephone boxes proposed on pavements in West End Lane [2017/5429/P](#), [2017/5430/P](#), [2017/5431/P](#)
- 307-309 Finchley Road (corner with Lithos Road) [2017/3710/P](#).

We will be in touch again soon with the formal agenda for the 4 December meeting and look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes

Keith Moffitt and Nick Jackson (Co-chairs)

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