

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Ms Griffis

HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Following my site visit, I am seeking the views and assistance of the Neighbourhood Forum in providing answers and clarification to my questions set out below.

My questions concern Policy NE1 and the proposed designation of "Heath Hurst Gardens" as a local green space. In spite of walking all round Heath Hurst Road and Hampstead Hill Gardens, I was unable to gain access to this site, or even view it from publicly accessible points. I noted that a relatively new house exists in Hampstead Hill Gardens, and wondered whether this has blocked former access to the site from the west? Although Appendix 5 states that all houses in Heath Hurst Road have access to the communal garden, does this happen in practice or is it only the householders whose gardens back on to it? Paragraph 77 of the NPPF states that local green space designation will not be appropriate for most areas of open space, and I wonder whether this proposed space has such limited accessibility that its designation may not be justified. I would appreciate it if you could provide some additional information to help me reach a reasonable decision as to whether the criteria in paragraph 77 are satisfied in this case.

An early reply would of course be most welcome.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of this letter is placed on the Local Authority and Neighbourhood Forum websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

Jill Kingaby

Examiner