



Hillingdon Council
FAO Michael Briginshaw
Deputy Team Leader
North Area Planning Team
Planning, Regeneration and Environment Central Services

By email to: PlanningEConsult@Hillingdon.gov.uk

26th April 2024

Dear Mr Briginshaw,

Re: Planning Application: 2382/APP/2023/2906 Broadwater Lake, Moorhall Road, Harefield

CPRE London is a membership-based charity with 2500 members across London, concerned with the preservation and enhancement of London's vital green spaces, as well as the improvement of London's environment for the health and wellbeing of all Londoners.

We are writing to **object** to the above application on the following basis:

- This is inappropriate development on the Green Belt. Exceptional circumstances cannot be said to exist.
- The development will spoil the rural character and reduce the openness of this tranquil section of the Green Belt.
- We are also very concerned about the adverse impact of the development on biodiversity including critically endangered European Eels, threatened bat species, and wintering birds. The islands used by breeding waterbirds (such as Cormorants, Grey Heron and Little Egret) are too close to the development and could easily be disturbed.
- There is likely to be a negative effect on water quality due to construction and then increased use of the lake for watersports.
- There will be a loss of trees during construction, which will reduce habitat for breeding birds.
- Broadwater Lake is a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) and the proposed development will damage or destroy the special interest features of the site. The proposed mitigation measures are insufficient to avoid harming the SSSI.
- Intensive watersports cannot coexist with nature conservation interests at this protected site. Alternative locations are available if the Council permitted activities to be spread across two or more of the other nearby sites.
- As it stands, the development is contrary to the Hillingdon Local Plan, The London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Please could you place these comments before the committee in the usual way.

Yours Sincerely,

John Sadler
Campaigns Officer
CPRE London