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Dear Sir or Madam

My name is Nigel Daley and I am Chair of Friends of Stockers Lake, a local charity set up to protect local wildlife in and around Stocker's Lake, a stone's throw from Broadwater Lake SSSI, where there is currently an application from Hillingdon Borough council to relocate HOAC to this national Site of Special Scientific Interest.

This is an important urgent issue with both immediate and long term implications that will affect both wildlife and the environment in and around Broadwater Lake. This planning application from Hillingdon Borough Council to develop a new Water Sports Centre at Broadwater Lake (SSSI) must not be allowed to continue.

We know Broadwater Lake is just off our patch but birds don't adhere to our boundaries and what happens at Broadwater and all the lakes in between will affect the birds that arrive and thrive at Stockers Lake. Friends of Stocker's Lake (FoSL) was therefore horrified to learn that Hillingdon Council is planning to use Broadwater for recreational purposes despite its designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), just about the highest level of protection and importance than can be given to an area of wildlife.

I am writing to all of our members (many Hillingdon council Tax payers regarding these concerns and I will also be informing other similar interest groups to let them know of these 'plans'. I truly do understand that the building works to HS2 have left Harefield Outdoor Activity Centre (HOAC) without a water sports centre or headquarters but a relocation to Broadwater Lake (SSSI) is completely the wrong location for a water/land based activity centre due to the hugely negative impact it will have upon local fauna, flora and bird/bat life.

However, in an age where we all have concerns for wildlife, the environment and all of its natural habitats, we at FoSL believe that this is not an appropriate solution to the issue of HOAC moving sites.

Yours

Nigel Daley
(Chair FoSL)

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