

30th April, 2012

Dear Residents and Supporters,

I am writing to you because the next few weeks are critical to the future of the preservation of green open space and nature habitat that is the Gondar Garden underground reservoir.

As you may know we have been fighting to protect this site for over 10 years. Right now the threat is the most serious it has ever been. Linden Homes and Wates Developments have two schemes in planning. The first for luxury housing has been rejected but has gone to appeal and the hearing is 22/23/24th May. The second application, being decided on 10th May, is for a block of flats that would fill the gap the length of the railings and reservoir entrance on the hilly side of Gondar Gardens.

We need to raise urgent funds for our legal fighting fund, between £7,000 and £10,000, as we will be fielding a barrister and an ecology expert at the appeal hearing. So we ask two things of all our generous and spirited community:

1. Please sign up as a member of GARA and pay your 2012 subscription.
2. Please make an extra donation to GARA. Every little helps, however large or small – it is your donations that will make all the difference. Your generosity in our last hour of need raised a similar amount to that needed now, with many of you giving around £100. That money was well spent protecting the reservoir at the previous planning appeal, and we need to do the same again now.

Your community needs you. Please complete and return the form below or provide your 2012 subscriptions and donations by bank transfer (details below).

Thank you in advance for your support. Even in these times of austerity, we strongly believe we should fight to preserve this unique green lung. Our community is worth fighting for.

On behalf of Gondar and Agamemnon Residents' Association,
Yours Sincerely

David Yass
Chairman

I enclose my annual GARA subscription (£5 individual or £10 household) plus an additional donation of £..... to help protect the reservoir.

Name Address e-mail

Please return to the GARA Treasurer, 12 Agamemnon Road NW6 1DY, or make your payments direct to GARA: sort code 20-74-63, a/c 80451223, with your details in the payment reference (e.g. "28GG Yass").