

Appendix 1: Standard Objection Letter

PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF THE GATEHILL FARM ESTATE AS A CONSERVATION AREA

You will have received information from London Borough of Hillingdon regarding the designation of the Gatehill Farm Estate as a conservation area.



Whilst this makes the area appear to be exclusive and more desirable to live in, I would urge you to object to this designation for the following reasons:-

1. You will lose the freedom to improve or enhance your property
2. Every planning application will have to go through two planning committees. The first stage will have to go through the conservation committee and then through the planning committee, thereby doubling all our costs.
3. Any changes or improvements, even minor ones to your home, will be challenged vigorously by the conservation committee and you will lose control over any decision making.
4. Any minor improvement to our homes will cost us twice as much as our neighbours who are not in a conservation area.
5. The value of our houses will drop.
6. The area is currently designated as an Area of Special Local Character and this designation offers us all enough protection against any inappropriate developments in the Gatehill Farm Estate.

Please object to this proposal and defend your right to decide what happens to your property. Please write to your local Councillors to let them know that you oppose this proposal.

The Council has provided you with a form to complete. However, to make it easier for you, I have attached a letter which you need to sign, adding your name and address, and send to the address at the top of the letter by post or email. In addition please also write to your Councillors, stating that you do not agree to the new designation of the Gatehill Farm Estate.

Our 3 local Councillors are:

- **Councillor Jonathan Bianco** email: JBianco@hillingsdon.gov.uk
Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services.
- **Councillor John Morgan** email: jmorgan2@hillingsdon.gov.uk
- **Councillor Andrew Retter** email : ARetter@hillingsdon.gov.uk
- Contact number : 01895 250 316 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm) to make an appointment.



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Date: 6/12/2010

Dear Sirs

Re: Objection to the proposed designation of the Gatehill Farm Estate Conservation Area

I write to object to the proposed designation of the Gatehill Farm Estate as a Conservation Area for the following reasons:-

1. By changing the designation, we will lose the freedom to improve or enhance our property as we see fit
2. Every planning application will have to go through two planning committees. The first stage will have to go through the conservation committee and then through the planning committee, thereby doubling all our costs.
3. Any changes or improvements, even minor ones to our home, will be challenged vigorously by the conservation committee and we will lose control over any decision making.
4. Any minor improvement to our homes will cost us twice as much as our neighbours who are not in a conservation area.
5. The value of our homes will decrease
6. The area is currently designated as an Area of Special Local Character and this designation offers us all enough protection against any inappropriate developments in the Gatehill Farm Estate.
7. Previously approved Certificates for Lawful Development may not be honoured
8. We lose the right to decide what we want our homes to look like and this is not acceptable to us.

Yours faithfully



Name: 

Address:



NORTHWOOD