## New Plan For Lammas Park Flats Receives Hundreds of Objections In 48 Hours

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Image: East Lodge in Lammas Park (Google Street View, 2019)

A <u>planning application</u> to build a new block of flats where East Lodge currently stands in Lammas Park has received over 400 objections from local residents since Saturday 8 February.

Lammas Park is designated as Metropolitan Open Land (MOL), which has similar protections as 'green belt' land from "development having an adverse impact on the openness of MOL", according to the <u>Greater London Authority</u>.

Yet the application statement emphasises that "the site should be considered previously developed land and therefore treated as 'grey belt', whereby development would not be considered inappropriate."

The Planning Statement, submitted on 27 January, explains that the new residential building will consist of six flats and amenity spaces "following demolition of existing dwelling".

The planning proposal's heritage report prepared by Palmer Heritage Ltd found that East Lodge is neither covered by statutory heritage designation or found on Ealing's Local Heritage List.

The application statement states that the proposed build would enhance the appearance of Lammas Park and the surrounding area.



Drawing of the proposed block of flats compared to the height of local housing and trees. Source: Ealing Council

Despite the planning statement explaining that "adjoining properties would not be affected adversely in any way", hundreds of residents across the borough have objected to the proposal since its publication.

One objection from an Ealing resident argues that "the park is a public area, for the benefit of local residents, not a development site."

Another objection comes from a resident living just four streets away from the park, who says it "should remain a refuge for residents, not be overshadowed by inappropriate and out-of-scale developments."

The planning application has its next consultation with the local authority on Thursday 27 February. Ealing Council has invited comments from local residents following the publication of their Public Notice, which can be submitted directly on the <u>planning applications's web page</u>.