

HAMPSTEAD - GARDEN - SUBURB - TRUST

Dear Trust Member(s)

Along with ballot papers for the election of a trustee, the Trust is circulating Candidate Statements for both candidates. As Mr Ingram's statement includes many inaccuracies, we believe that the substantial ones should be corrected so that members have as accurate a picture as possible. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of matters where Mr Ingram is in error, merely the more important points.

The Tea House was sold by the Institute, not the Trust which has not benefited in any way from its sale. The sale did not require the Trust's consent. The Trust's interest is as a landlord under a 999 year lease.

Bute Mews is currently an unhygienic eyesore. Its owners applied to the Trust, and the London Borough of Barnet, for consent for a development. After several changes to the original design insisted on by the Trust and following many Trust Council and Property and Plans Committee meetings, the developers produced a design which the Trust felt it could not reasonably refuse. In line with the Trust's consultation policy, there was widespread consultation by the Trust on the application and a public meeting before consent was given.

The Trust's Supplementary Basement Guidance is entirely the work of the Trust. CACC was not involved.

The Trust has worked with the Residents Association on the issue of front garden paving. New Guidance has been produced by the Trust. The scale of such work is actually tiny and the Trust has never given consent for parking for 6 cars.

The photographic survey is not made for general publication and the Trust is sensitive to publishing photos of private homes. If residents wish to consult it, they can do so by appointment at the Trust's offices.

Mr Ingram refers to matters which took place before any of the current trustees were appointed, for example the foreign investment and the lottery grant for proposals at Central Square.

The Trust has granted Mr Ingram money he has asked for in relation to Northway Gardens. The water supply which was less than the Trust paid for a supply to an allotment does not appear to have been built in accordance with Building Regulations, but that was not our concern.

The £1,000 grant to Michael Tutton was made in good faith and appeared clearly in the accounts along with all other grants. On reflection however it gives an unfortunate impression of the way in which the Trust makes grants and it will be repaid.

Yours faithfully



Richard Wiseman
Chairman

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