

23rd February 2010

Dear Councillor

Ruislip Lido – a Metropolitan site of importance for nature conservation

I am sure you are aware from either the media coverage or from meetings you have attended with the Leader of the Council of the proposals for Ruislip Lido. If you unaware of these proposals they have been included for your convenience.

The Friends of Ruislip Lido (FORL) was formed in December 2004 to act as a focal point for users of Ruislip Lido. Our objective is to protect the natural beauty and improve the facilities of Ruislip Lido for the peaceful enjoyment of the public. The FORL is a voluntary, community organisation, whose activities include litter picking and fund raising for benefit of Lido and users.

The FORL are in favour of investment in Lido but **we need your support** to maintain the Lido with its wildlife and keep the natural balance between human activities and to help protect the environment from being spoilt. Some of the extra activities proposed by the Council, such as boating, would spoil this balance. **We need your support** also to encourage Hillingdon Council to complete an independent environmental impact report and allow comprehensive public consultation regarding the developments to the Lido.

Please **help the FORL** to stop boating being introduced to the Lido and for part of the Lido green space to be used for extra parking. This car parking proposal would mean cutting down trees which is unacceptable within the fragile environs that make up the Lido, National Nature Reserve and Woodlands. We ask that you consider these proposals and the strength of feeling of residents and users and vote to reject these proposals.

I would be delighted to discuss this further with you and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Vicky Brownlee
Chair FORL