

## LGS 2: SINC CaL07: Frogna Lane Gardens

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I strongly support its designation as an open space.

Charles

Frogna Lane Gardens " I live on a top floor flat that overlooks Frogna Gardens. It's a beautiful and peaceful space that is bounded by the A41 Finchley Road, Frogna Lane, and Langland Gardens, that forms a triangle of greenery in an urban setting. Finchley Road is a noisy and polluted 3-lane north and south highway. Frogna Lane and Langland Gardens fight to maintain the onslaught of urbanisation and traffic congestion. Residents living alongside those roads regard the Gardens as the heart and green lungs of the area, that provides social and community space. I support its designation as an essential green space to protect it from any form of development .

RedFrog Association

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In the 19th century, this area was part of the manor of Frogna, which lay in the countryside north of Victorian London. The manor lay on a tributary of the River Westbourne which runs into the Thames. The gardens were set up by a far-sighted workers' guild, when Hampstead was built up in the 1890s, to retain as much of the rural quality that the manor possessed. At the same time the river was covered over and now runs in part under the gardens and into the Serpentine.

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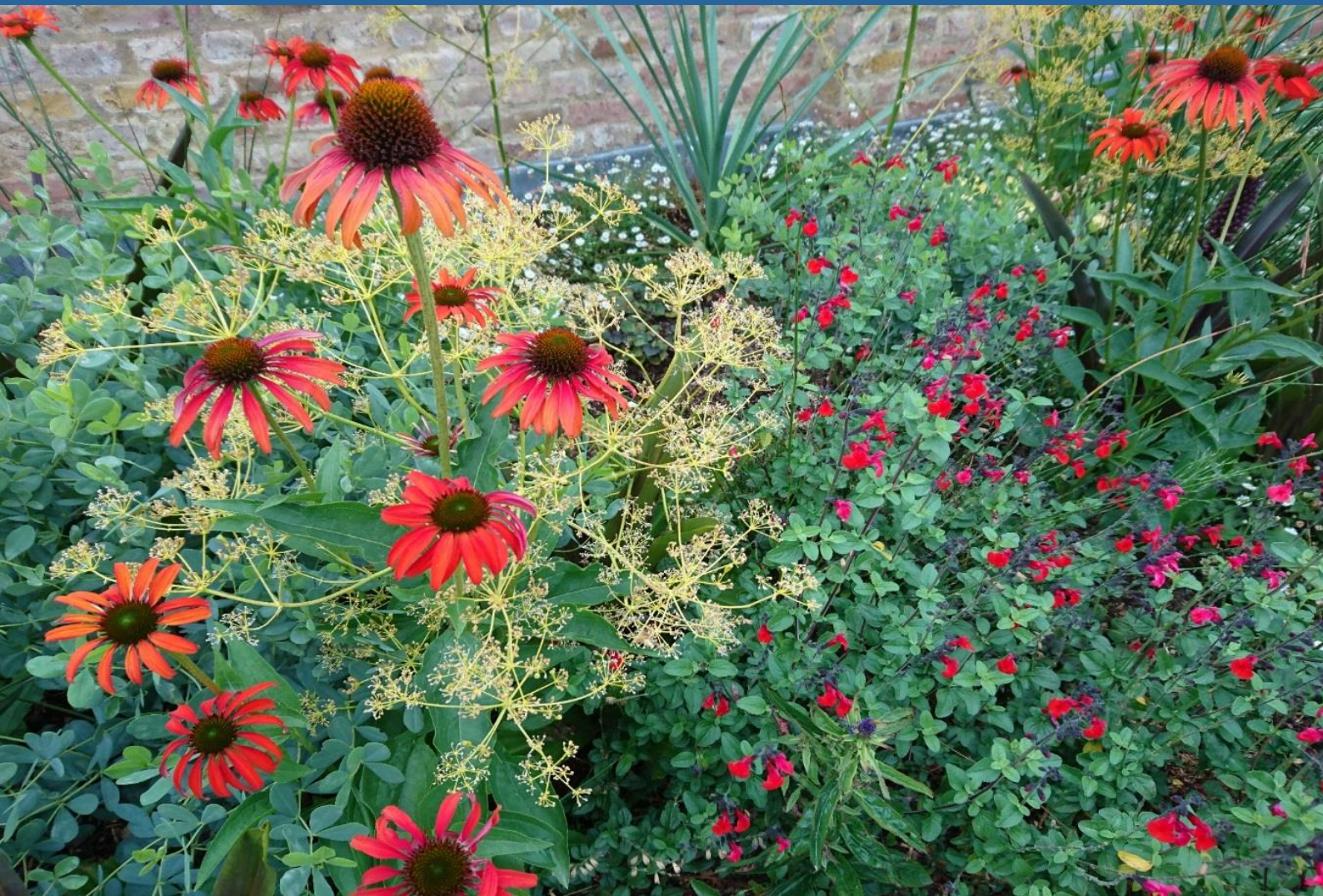
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Camden Planning Guidance:

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## CaL07 Frognal Lane Gardens

### Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation

<b>Site Reference:</b>	CaL07
<b>Site Name:</b>	Frognal Lane Gardens
<b>Summary:</b>	A small private communal garden with plenty of trees and an attractive pond.
<b>Grid ref:</b>	TQ 258 853
<b>Area (ha):</b>	0.55
<b>Borough(s):</b>	Camden
<b>Habitat(s):</b>	Amenity grassland, Planted shrubbery, Pond/lake, Scattered trees, Scrub
<b>Access:</b>	No public access
<b>Ownership:</b>	Private

### Site Description:

This is an attractive community garden surrounded by housing. It contains a good number of trees, the most notable being the large London planes (*Platanus x hispanica*). Other species present include ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), oak (*Quercus* sp.), Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*), holm oak (*Quercus ilex*) and silver birch (*Betula pendula*). Areas of grassland where mowing is relaxed support tall herbs. Ornamental shrub beds around the perimeter are planted with both native and exotic species, which include hazel (*Corylus avellana*), yew (*Taxus baccata*), cherry plum (*Prunus cerasifera*), lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*), spotted laurel (*Aucuba japonica*) and oleaster (*Eleagnus x ebbingei*).

The western end of the site contains numerous trees and shrubs/scrub but is less intensively managed. It, thus, has a wilder appearance with a greater number of tall herb species including meadow buttercup (*Ranunculus acris*), wood dock (*Rumex sanguineus*), teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), herb-Robert (*Geranium robertianum*), red campion (*Silene dioica*), greater periwinkle (*Vinca major*) and enchanter's nightshade (*Circea lutetiana*).

The site is used by numerous birds including blue tit, jay, blackbird, magpie, robin, thrush, starling and great-spotted woodpecker. Nest boxes have been put up and the site management is focused on creating a more invertebrate-friendly habitat.

The garden is not open to the general public, but is a valuable amenity for residents of the surrounding properties.

<b>Site first notified:</b>	01/01/1993	<b>Boundary last changed:</b>	01/01/1993
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<b>Defunct:</b>	N		
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