



## HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

2 December 2020

Tom Little  
Appeals and Enforcement Team  
Camden Council

Re: 14 Hampstead Hill Gardens, Ref 2020/5383/T

Dear Tom,

It appears from photos that the owner of 14 Hampstead Hill Gardens likely harmed the tree (a sizeable Chestnut) through development works in the garden, contrary to Camden Local Plan A3 (k), (l) and (m) and Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan Policy NE2, which requires development to protect trees that are important to local character, streetscape, biodiversity, and the environment.

As evidenced by the number of objections submitted by neighbours, the chestnut seems to be a locally important tree, appreciated by many in the area and highly visible from the street. The Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan in Policy NE2 states that any development that proposes removal of a tree on the Important Tree List should provide justification and details of replacement tree planting to mitigate against the loss of canopy cover.

While this tree is not on the Important Tree List, this list was never intended to be set in stone but to evolve over the life of the Neighbourhood Plan. If indeed, this tree must be removed for whatever reason, then the Notice of Intent should be converted to a 5-day Dead and Dangerous Notice so that a replacement can be enforced.

Policy HNP DH1 (amenity) is also relevant.

Thank you for your consideration of these points.

Sincerely,

Janine Griffis  
Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum