

22 June 2021

To: Camden Tree Officers

Re: 2021/3014/T, Flat A, 16 Christchurch Hill

From: Janine Griffis

The Forum objects to the proposed removal of two mature sycamores as contrary to NE2 and NE3 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan. Mature trees such as these sycamores encourage biodiversity and provide wildlife habitat and are part of a larger biodiversity corridor. Both trees can be seen from Well Walk.

The garden of 16 Christchurch is part of Biodiversity Corridor A in the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan (see Appendix 4) and part of an Historic Tree Line. Policy NE3 states that proposals for a property that includes part of a biodiversity corridor should not diminish the ability of these corridors to provide habitat and the free movement of wildlife.

Policy NE2 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan further states that development will protect trees that are important to local character, streetscape, biodiversity and the environment.

Reduction of light and nuisance caused by seedlings are not valid reasons to fell these trees.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Janine Griffis



The wall of the Grade I-listed Fenton House NW3



The wall of Grade II-listed 1 Cannon Place NW3