



HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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Sofie Fieldsend
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Town Hall
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Additional comments re: 2019/3093/P, 9 Thurlow Road

Dear Ms Fieldsend,

We notice that the applicant recently has submitted an arboricultural survey of the garden, calling for the removal of at least four trees, including an ash, a Holm oak and a cherry. This new survey identifies a number of other trees in the garden of no. 9 and nearby, underscoring the fact that the area is a well-wooded one and an important biodiversity corridor [Biodiversity J of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan (HNP)].

In our original comments, we stated that the proposal was contrary to HNP NE3 as well as NE2, NE4, the Fitzjohns Netherhall Conservation Area Statement and Camden Local Plan policies A3 and D1. *This would have been the case even if there were no existing trees to be lost.* NE3 asserts that development should not diminish the ability of designated biodiversity corridors to support habitat and the free movement of wildlife. Constructing a 39 sqm structure would permanently diminish the condition of the biodiversity corridor. No doubt this is why the conservation area statement states that “development in gardens is likely to be unacceptable”.

Furthermore, the loss of so many trees in a biodiversity corridor is clearly contrary to the neighbourhood plan: it would leave breaks in the tree lines, destroy habitats and erode the potential of the garden for the future planting of trees and habitats.

Thank you for your further consideration of our objections.

Sincerely,

Janine Griffis
Chair, Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum