



HAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

08 October 2019

Tom Little
London Borough of Camden
Town Hall
Judd Street
London WC1H 9JE

Re: 2019/4731/T Wellside, Well Walk

Dear Mr Little,

The Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum objects to the proposed severe pruning of trees designated by the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan as 'Important Trees', a list of trees chosen for their aesthetic and/or environmental or historic value by local people. These trees are also form part of one of the Plan's designated biodiversity corridors.

The proposed extent of pruning these Lombardy poplars would not only damage their aesthetic value but their value to local biodiversity as well and therefore would be contrary to Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan Policy NE2 and NE3. NE2 states that "Development will protect trees that are important to local character, streetscape, biodiversity and the environment". NE3 requires proposals, where appropriate, to include measures to assist in the restoration of biodiversity corridors, reducing the incidence of breaks and the length of gaps.

We recommend that Camden refuse this application.

Sincerely,

Janine Griffis
Chair, Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum