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**To:** Planning

**Subject:** Planning Application 2023/1323/T 14 Aberdare Gardens, NW6 3PY  
Objection to width reduction by 2.5m of trees T4, T5, T6

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Planning Application 2023/1323/T - Objection to degree of width reduction of T4, T5, T6 (2.5m is proposed; 1m is suggested as a counterproposal)**

This planning application for works on trees, includes three lime trees on the rear boundary of the property (T4, T5, T6) that are adjacent to the rear of the plot of 172 Goldhurst Terrace.

"T4,T5,T6) 3 x Lime trees on rear garden boundary: Reduce height and width by up to 2.5 metres"

Three similar trees on the rear boundary were most regrettably entirely felled at the adjacent property (16 Aberdare Gardens) despite several objections from neighbours a couple of years ago and this left a significant gap in the characteristic continuous green band of trees at the rear of gardens typically found in this Conservation Area (South Hampstead CA).

Whilst the proposed reduction in height of these trees by up to 2.5m is acceptable; for them to be also reduced in width by this same amount is excessive, as each tree is probably only around 4m wide in the first place (the trees are all tall and relatively narrow).

Excessive reduction in width of T4, T5, T6 will further destroy the continuous green band of tree cover at the rear of these gardens, and will allow sightlines through the trees to the properties behind even when they are in full leaf, thereby destroying some of the screening and

privacy benefits, and unnecessarily removing wildlife habitats.

This characteristic band is described well in the following excerpts from Camden's Conservation Area Appraisal document for South Hampstead CA:

5.22 **Green views into verdant back gardens** and into the four private open spaces also play an important part in establishing the serene suburban character of the conservation area

5.23 The conservation area generally has a decent level of tree cover which **should be protected and enhanced where possible** (see Map 8). Trees play an important role in urban areas which include the following

5.24 The general canopy/tree character of the conservation area is largely **formed** of continuous bands of trees spanning rear gardens with **intermittent tree cover in front gardens. The general level of tree cover in the conservation area is relatively high and comprised of a wide range of sizes and species.** Trees in front gardens provide a very important landscape and streetscape function and this is especially true where street trees are not present. Vistas/ views down tree lined streets often provide continuity within the streetscape with varying colours and textures. These important landscape features of the conservation area require both protection and enhancement where possible.

5.25 Views along rear garden vistas and into areas of dense tree cover are **characteristic of the conservation area and should be protected.** Views of mature trees between buildings from the public highway provide a sense of space and openness and give the impression of properties with large rear gardens

**Please can the proposed width reduction of T4, T5, T6 be restricted to only 1m each so as to help retain the continuous green band, whilst the height reduction can be the full 2.5m being requested?**

Many thanks for your consideration.

Best regards,

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