

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2023/4021/T	CRASH	30/09/2023 17:49:25	OBJ	<p>CRASH (the Combined Residents' Associations of South Hampstead) objects to the proposal by 69 Canfield Gardens to fell a mature lime tree in the front garden of 65 Canfield Gardens. The tree is approx 12.5m away from the applicant, the trial pits were abandoned and the borehole found roots of only 2mm diameter. The application states the tree is in the "adjacent" property - it is not. Sedgwick and the engineering report are yet again "cut and paste" jobs and mirror the wording of all the other recent applications by them to fell trees in this area. The report states the "engineer determined on a preliminary basis" that the tree should be felled - surely a "preliminary basis" is not sufficient to determine the felling of a mature tree which forms an important part of the streetscape in the stretch of Canfield Gardens. The report notes the cyclical nature of cracking in properties built on clay - cracks will open and close. The damage is said to be "moderate" but no photographic evidence is provided. CRASH notes that the tree has grown to a significant height approx 19m and its growth has not been actively managed despite its location and proximity to properties. CRASH would like to see a TPO served on this tree given its placement on the street and its contribution to the conservation area, a refusal by Camden to grant permission to fell it, a proposal instead to reduce its height which in turn should reduce the "heave" potential for no.65 and neighbouring properties. It is notable that Sedgwick's report yet again states "¿¿sad to see a tree lost but we ensure that the loss is mitigated and replaced with new trees¿ - there has never been any evidence in previous applications that this is the case nor have they ever proposed to provide a replacement tree when a tree is felled in this conservation area.</p>

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