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Dear Sir/Madam,

We three the residents of 130A Greencroft Gardens wish to register our opposition to the felling of two Lime Trees in the front garden of 130 Greencroft Gardens.

1 This second application by Sedgwick to fell the two Lime Trees is made with some additional research which proves nothing new and a spurious claim concerning carbon imprint and capture.

2 Additionally Sedgwick attempt to justify felling the trees is in order to reduce the cost of the work to stabilize the steps structure at the front of 128 Greencroft Gardens.

3 Sedgwick argues that the tree felling will allow it to undertake cheaper building work to stabilize the step structure and this will minimize the carbon imprint.

4 The loss of the two Lime Trees constitutes a much greater Carbon Capture loss than any minimizing of the carbon imprint of the necessary building work.

5 The steps structure were built without the necessary foundations required when building on London Clay. It is the London Clay which is the overwhelming cause of the cracking in the steps structure. London Clay swells when wet and reduces in volume when dry even changing to a powder in very dry conditions. London Clay does this whether or not there are present the roots of Trees or other Vegetation.

6 The steps structure will only be stabilized when Sedgwick undertake proper rebuilding with appropriate foundations. The Lime Trees' roots are irrelevant. If Sedgwick carry out its cheaper proposed rebuilding then London Clay will once again win the day and new cracks will appear in time despite the absence of Lime Trees.

7 Much the majority of the Lime Trees' root complex is in front of properties 130 and 132 Greencroft Gardens. If the roots were the main cause of cracking at 128 then why is there no such commensurate effect on 130 and 132?

8 Were the trees felled then there will be the potential problem of rotting root structure in front of 130 and 132 and the potential destabilizing of the ground and structures upon it.

9 These two magnificent Trees add to the aesthetic quality of the local streetscape in this Conservation Area as well as contributing to Carbon Capture.

10 We recommend Sedgwick get on with the appropriate repair building to the foundations of the 128 Steps and cease these repeated attempts to fell two beautiful trees whose roots are irrelevant to the problem they have a responsibility to resolve.

Yours faithfully

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