

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2023/4415/T	AIKATERINI STAVRAKA	04/11/2023 14:32:03	COMMNT	<p>I am writing to express my objection to the felling of the two trees at the property 130 Greencroft Gardens, due to insufficient evidence presented by the applicant. According to the Tree Protection Order granted in April 2021, both trees were found to be in good condition and thought to be significantly contributing to the ambience of the conservation area. I believe this is still the case.</p> <p>To my view, there is no substantial evidence to suggest a causal relationship between the trees and the reported damage in 128 Greencroft Gardens. On the contrary, the rigidity of the suggestion, alongside the persistent rejection of any alternative offered solution, for example regular pruning or root barriers, convey an underlying motive to the application. It could be easily inferred that this is the cost reduction of the reparative works that the insurer is responsible to undertake.</p> <p>Before such suggestions are made, one needs to seriously consider the potential detrimental effect of the felling of the trees, not only on the overall character of the area, but most importantly on the environment itself. In an era of environmental crisis, it is not difficult to imagine the destructive impact of such decisions, as well as the destabilising effect that this may cause, by increasing the risk of flooding on periods of heavy rainfall.</p> <p>To conclude, I would like to reiterate my objection to this application and express my hope that the Council will act decisively to protect the trees in 130 Greencroft Gardens. We cannot afford carelessly damaging the environment as well as the beauty and historic value of conservation areas such as the one of South Hampstead.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Aikaterini Stavraka</p>
