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Application Ref: **2006/3291/T**

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)  
Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations 1999

### **REFUSAL OF CONSENT FOR WORKS TO TREE/S UNDER A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

Address: **62 Aberdare Gardens, London, NW6 3QD**

Proposal:  
(TPO Ref: C521) REAR GARDEN, ALONG REAR BOUNDARY: 2 x Poplar - Fell to ground level and treat stumps.

The Council has considered your application dated 17 July 2006 and decided to refuse consent for the following reason(s):

#### **Reason(s) for Refusal**

- 1 Reason for Refusal - The trees provide important visual amenity and screening value and it is considered their removal would be harmful to the character of the conservation area. There is a lack of DNA testing to identify which poplar tree the root found in the trial pit originates from. It is also considered the soil analysis shows little evidence of soil desiccation below the foundations of the porch, which has already been rebuilt. No trial pit was excavated adjacent to the extension foundations to show evidence of roots or soil desiccation and the report indicates that movement in this part of the house could be the result of initial bedding on underpinning carried out in 1999. Crack monitoring in the extension is not considered indicative of seasonal or progressive movement.



Informative(s):

- 1 It is recommended monitoring of cracks in the extension continues over a sufficient period of time to demonstrate seasonal and progressive movement. Further evidence should also include evidence of tree roots below foundations and evidence of soil desiccation below foundations of the extension.

The Council recommend the trees are pruned back to previous pruning points in line with good arboricultural practice. A further application is not required prior to the commencement of these works.

If you are unhappy with the Council's decision you may appeal within 28 days of the date of this notice by writing to The Government Office for London, Floor 9, Riverwalk House, 157-161 Millbank, London SW1P 4RR.

Yours faithfully



Culture and Environment Directorate  
(Duly authorised by the Council to sign this document)