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From: Patricia Gorringer [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2015 11:32
To: Planning
Subject: reference 2015/2488/T

Dear Sir/Madam

Re Felling of Holly to the ground, 14 Highgate West Hill.

I live next door to 14 Highgate West Hill and am resident at Number 13 Highgate West Hill.

I have written to STRONGLY DISAGREE with the proposed felling of the mature Holly Tree.

This is a lovely specimen which has been in the garden adjacent to our property at least since 2001 when we purchased our property.

It is a host for nesting birds and

a summer roost for bats.

It provides a huge privacy screen for our main bedroom and for the other rooms in our property and is also host to a creeper which we have been training for 7 years to give us additional privacy from the neighbours very intrusive balconies.

We have also gone onto the Heath and looked at Number 14 and 13 from the top of Parliament Hill. If the Holly were to be felled it would spoil the sense of 'greenness' of the views from the heath, already a concern resulting from the necessary felling of trees due to the works on the dams. At the moment, you cannot see Number 13 because it is beautifully shielded by the Holly Tree.

We strongly disagree with this proposed felling, we cannot understand the motivation behind it, and we would very much appreciate a visit from the Council prior to any decision being taken, so you can understand the seriousness of our concerns.

We have also discussed the issue with several of the conservation officers on the Heath including Danny Murphy who is also strongly opposed to the felling of this tree. We might however, support a small reduction under proper supervision to ensure the health of the tracheospermum which is growing through it.

Please do contact me on 07786071594 if you wish to discuss.

Patricia Gorringer