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2015/5289/T	SUSAN HADIDA	67A GREENCROFT GAEDENS LONDON NW6 3LJ	07/10/2015 14:06:40	OBJLETTE R	<p>I am the owner of the land on which are the plane trees which Oriel are seeking planning permission to cut down.</p> <p>They re proposing to cut down three plane trees,but only one seems to appear under the above reference no.</p> <p>Firstly, Chaotic Tree Survey. I have asked Oriel Services for a corrected List of Works and Plan of Trees in my letter of 24/4/15 but this has not been received. For instance, T8 is shown as a laurel in Aberdare and not a plane in 67 Greencroft.</p> <p>do not understand which trees they mean, apart from TP1.</p> <p>These beautiful trees have been growing since the original houses were built, let alone extensions.</p> <p>My objections are:</p> <p>It looks likely that the extension at 57 Aberdare Gdns may not have been built following the BRE Guidelines in view of proximity of trees and buildings.</p> <p>I have not heard if the period of monitoring has shown more evidence the crack and particularly the nature of its opening and closing.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Thames Tunnel runs under my garden quite near and there is also an underground stream on the boundary between the gardens.</p> <p>The impact of removing these mature trees is very considerable to the environment in this area and also to loss of privacy and screening of the houses in Aberdare.</p> <p>If any other way can be explored, like heavy pruning, root barriers, etc.</p> <p>Complete destruction of the trees is of course irreversible, but with the rapid improvement in DNA analysis it may be possible that the tress could be individually DNA identified sometime in the future.</p> <p>Please let me know date of committee meeting.</p>

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2015/5289/T	Peter Symonds	48 Canfield Gardens London NW6 3EB	07/10/2015 17:26:52	OBJ	<p>CRASH strongly objects to this application. These trees, which are probably over 120 years old and over 60ft high, form an important ,much-loved and significant landscape feature, part of an almost 400-metre-long belt of mature trees which once bordered a small stream running between the gardens of Greencroft and Aberdare. These provide screening and privacy for gardens in both streets as well as much needed shade to the south facing gardens in Greencroft.</p> <p>This application would force the owner of the above property, against her will to demolish the trees purely to convenience the owner and insurers of 57 Aberdare where, it is claimed, tree roots are causing damage to their recently erected rear extension. The proximity of the trees should have been investigated when the original application for the extension was made. The developers" inability to allow for their existence now calls into question whether or not the developer followed the required BRE guidelines.</p> <p>The owners of 57 Aberdare declare that investigations confirm a clay subsoil and that clay is susceptible to volume changes due to moisture - a fact long known to all local property owners in the area and something taken into account by every developer undertaking any kind of building works. The row of tall trees which have probably existed in close proximity since 57 Aberdare was built at the turn of the last century should surely have been allowed for before building work began on the extension. If we are now to fell any tree likely to impact the foundations of nearby properties South Hampstead would become a virtual desert. Denuding the area of trees will only increase ground flooding in an area already on Camden"s list of streets at risk of flooding.</p> <p>An application to reduce the crown of one of the trees now under threat was refused by Camden Council on 5th October 2009. The planning Inspector upheld that decision after the applicant went to appeal.</p> <p>The inspectors reasons for refusal stated "The tree belt between Greencroft and Aberdare Gardens is a very significant local landscape feature, providing screening and privacy between rear windows and enclosure for rear gardens. The appeal plane tree and 3 other planes at No 67 form a significant group in the centre of the belt. The appeal tree is an important element in the group and therefore an important part of the belt as a whole... providing a significant level of visual amenity value to its locality. Greencroft is within he Swiss Cottage C.A; the character appraisal for which notes that mature trees provide an attractive and serene quality to the dwellings and streets. The tree belt compliments the linearity of the buildings to north and south and makes a material contribution to the character of the Conservation Area."</p> <p>The P.I dismissed the appeal (Ref:APP/TPO/X5210/909). To allow now, the removal of these trees altogether would be an act of gross vandalism - one which would set a tragic precedent for the future of the whole South Hampstead C.A. CRASH asks Camden to reject the application. Peter Symonds, Chair.</p>