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To whom it may concern.

Application 2015/6438/T 34 Christchurch Hill, London, NW3 1JJ

I strongly object to the proposed removal of the Horse chestnut at 34 Christchurch Hill Hampstead NW3 1JL.

I think that the tree should be retained and protected by the making of a TPO.

The tree is readily visible from my apartment and several other apartments that face the tree. It is also visible from adjacent public areas and makes a significant contribution to the skyline and character and appearance of the immediate area and also to the conservation area in which it stands. Accordingly, the removal of the tree will be of significant detriment to the landscape.

Whilst on initial reading the supporting letter by Simon Pryce, Arboriculture, makes a good case I don't believe that there is enough evidence to fully justify the removal of the tree. I am worried that this will set a dangerous precedent in the area for the removal of significant trees. This photograph (below on p.2.) is taken from the public footway of Christchurch Hill. It shows that the tree is an obvious feature in the skyline and has high enough public amenity value to warrant a TPO.



I recommend that a TPO is placed on the tree and that sufficient evidence is then provided to back up the allegations that the tree is in a poor or dangerous condition.

Yours faithfully,

Martyn Hunter-Craig