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Application Ref: **2015/6438/T**
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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)

OBJECTION TO SECTION 211 NOTICE OF WORKS TO TREE/S IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Address:

**34 Christchurch Hill
London
NW3 1JL**

Description:

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Horse Chestnut - Fell

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 09 November 2015 and decided to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:

Reasons for objection:

- 1 The horse chestnut tree is considered to be highly visible from the public realm in various locations and to significantly contribute to the character of this part of the conservation area.
There appears to be a small area of staining on the stem which may be *Pseudomonas syringae* pv *aesculi* (horse chestnut bleeding canker), the presence of which is common on mature specimens does not by default justify the removal of a tree. Current guidance from the Forestry Commission states that:
"Trees with bleeding cankers on the trunk can still have healthy-looking crowns and may not pose an immediate safety risk.
Some trees may survive for many years as disease progression can be very



slow or even show signs of recovery (vigorous callus development at the margins of cankers when bark has been killed by the disease). Removing affected trees can be unnecessary. Significant numbers of trees do recover."

The report submitted with the notification contains a photo of a small area of decay at the base of the tree and refers to mycelium on some roots which could be honey fungus although this is not confirmed. This is not considered to demonstrate that the tree is unsafe and should be removed.

A tree preservation order has been served to protect the character of this part of the conservation area.

A Tree Preservation Order has been served on the tree/s and no work should be carried out without the prior consent of the Council.

Yours faithfully



Ed Watson
Director of Culture & Environment

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