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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: 34 Christchurch Hill, London NW3 1JJ. Planning Ref: 2016/0779/T

I previously objected to the felling of this horse chestnut tree see application no 2015/6438/T

Since then I was pleased to learn that a tree preservation order was placed on the tree. The application as it stands seems dependant on whether or not the tree is infected with honey fungus, but the presence of honey fungus is still not confirmed. I would like to see proper scientific investigations made to prove that honey fungus is existent in this horse chestnut tree.

If the tree is found to be dangerous then of course it should be removed and replaced; however, a condition should be made to plant a replacement tree of a similar species and of a decent size as close as reasonably practical to the location of this tree, and the replacement tree should continue to be protected by the TPO. If this replacement tree fails or is damaged in any way within 5 years then yet another must be planted.

At the moment, I do not think that adequate evidence to justify the removal of the tree has been provided and therefore object to this application of the felling of this tree.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Martyn Hunter-Craig