



The Heath & Hampstead Society

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The Society examines all Planning Applications relating to Hampstead, and assesses them for their impact on conservation and on the local environment.

To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team

Planning Ref: 2016/3019/P

Address: 28 Lyndhurst Road NW3

Description: Garden decking and screen.

Case Officer: Amy Grace Douglas

Date 12 July 2016

We object to this retrospective application, on these grounds:

1. The decking-over of natural ground features, in this case grass, prevents or obstructs the absorption of rainwater into the subsoil, and damages the ability of tree roots to survive healthily. This is quite a large area of decking, cut around at least one big tree. It would present a poor precedent, and lead to further interference in subsoil water flows.
2. No Design/Access Statement is presented, contrary to your application policies.
3. The camouflage netting screen is quite an amusing and effective feature, but hardly permanent. Neighbours' privacy needs to be protected better than this.

Please refuse.