

The Heath & Hampstead Society

29 September 2016

Mr J Remmington
Tree Officer
London Borough of Camden

Dear Mr Remmington

2016/5017/T 9 Hollycroft Avenue NW3

On behalf of Heath and Hampstead I wish to object to the felling of this lovely copper beech tree in Hollycroft Avenue in the Redington Froggnal Conservation area.

History

Unfortunately over recent years Hollycroft Avenue has suffered from a large number of trees being felled to enable development. These have included 29 trees in front gardens and 86 trees in rear and side gardens, a total of 115 trees have been lost. This has had a significant impact on a once verdant street.

The application states that permission was previously granted to fell the tree. However, this is not recorded on the Camden Planning Portal which shows two previous applications as follows:

2011/1139T Reduction in Crown
2005/2350T Thin 20%

There is however, an application to fell an oak tree (2005/2350T).

Reasons for Felling

This is a mature healthy tree located at the front of the property close to the street and therefore part of the streetscene. The copper beech provides visual amenity to neighbours and has high bio-diversity value, the problem with birds does not justify felling. We would suggest that there might be other, less destructive ways to manage the problem. The RSPB might be able to advise on this.

Please refuse this application.

Kind regards

Penny Davis
on behalf of Heath and Hampstead

