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To: Planning
Cc: Remmington, James
Subject: 2016/5361/T 3 Netherhall Gardens London NW3 5RN
Attachments: Trees between Finchley Rd & Netherhall Gardens.png

Dear Sir,

RE: 2016/5361/T 3 Netherhall Gardens London NW3 5RN 1 x Sycamore (multi stemmed) T1- fell to ground level.

The north side of Finchley Road is gradually being denuded of trees. In this area on the south side of Netherhall Gardens however there is still a good deal of canopy providing habitat for bats and birds, as well as humans: it is a good barrier for Netherhall Residences and South Hampstead Junior School from the high levels of pollution from Finchley Road traffic. There are a few gaps however - the rear 'garden' of South Hampstead Junior School being the main one - and many large areas of hard standing in the front gardens.

My feeling is that if this tree is removed, this gap will widen to a point where it is of less value to those creatures travelling along this corridor, and for filtering pollution for the school in particular.

I note that the wall is already collapsing, indicating it requires re-building. Could the wall be re-built in a way that retains the tree and allows for future trunk expansion? If you consider the tree can be removed, could a replacement tree be replanted a little further from the wall with a wide and tall canopy equivalent to the current multi-stemmed sycamore to help bridge this gap at least in the future?

With all good wishes

Vicki Harding

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