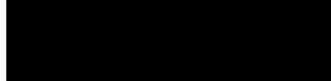


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*Combined Residents' Associations of South Hampstead*  
48 Canfield Gardens London NW6 3EB



Development and Regeneration Management  
London Borough of Camden  
Town Hall  
Judd Street  
London WC1 8ND

21st March, 2017

Dear Sirs,

Application No 2017/1220/T - 67 Greencroft Gardens NW6 3LJ

It has come to my notice that there is a serious error concerning the above application as listed on the Camden website. It states it as having been registered on the 2<sup>st</sup> March but allows objections only until the 1<sup>st</sup> March (which must surely mean 1<sup>st</sup> April!). As a result, I am unable to register my objection to the application on line. Both I and the owner of 67 Greencroft have tried on numerous occasions to contact your tree officer without success and no one in the department has responded to our requests that we be contacted urgently about this matter. Consequently, CRASH requests, as a matter of urgency, that the website information be changed immediately, that the period allowed for comments be extended and that this objection is allowed even though, as shown on the website, the time for objections has elapsed.

A further reason for disquiet in this application is that, while the location of the trees in question are at the address shown, the application suggests it comes from the owner of the above-mentioned property whereas, in fact, it has, once again, been lodged by a neighbour living in the next street at 57 Aberdare Gardens NW6 3AL, and registered without even the courtesy of consultation with the owner of the Greencroft Gardens property.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to you on the 19<sup>th</sup> April last year, when the owner of the Aberdare property tried to have the trees which are the subject of this application removed altogether. The significance of these trees as an arboricultural and landscape feature is the same as it was when, on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2015, Camden gave formal notice of Tree Preservation Order No C1161 2015. At that time, they were described as part of an important belt of trees contributing significantly to the character of the conservation area. The only noticeable and important arboricultural change in the immediate vicinity since the last abortive attempt to destroy these trees was lodged, is that the person responsible for registering this application has, himself, already – and possibly illegally – removed several mature trees from his garden at 57 Aberdare! Furthermore, as is mentioned in my letter of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016, at the time the TPO's were granted, Camden found no evidence that the plane trees in the garden at 67 Greencroft are in any way responsible for any damage to the



Aberdare Gardens property, which appears to be the reason this application is being made again.

CRASH contends that the long-term work proposed in this application is barbaric and totally unnecessary. It is further evidence of the applicant's determination to denude the area of greenery and replace it with concrete and brick. To allow the application would destroy irreversibly the line and appearance of a bank of mature trees which have survived, and proved themselves harmless to surrounding properties, since long before the applicant built the extension to his property – a modern addition which he has, without any evidence, repeatedly claimed is being damaged by the roots of the trees in question.

CRASH respectfully requests that this application be rejected.

Yours truly

Peter Symonds *PS*  
Chair