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2017/4373/T	K Sullivan	45 Dartmouth Park Hill	21/08/2017 11:27:02	OBJ	<p>I am writing to object to this application for the following reasons. First, the applicant has not demonstrated that the tree is diseased. Secondly, the applicant has not demonstrated that the tree is causing structural damage to any adjoining buildings. No proper justification has therefore been given for the felling of the tree. The tree is located in a Conservation Area. It is located in one of a series of leafy back gardens that contribute to the setting of the Grade 2* listed St Mary Brookfield Church. Bats are often seen in these back gardens. Whilst it is likely that the bats roost on the Church, the tree is likely to form part of their habitat providing shelter and food. A bat survey is therefore needed. In summary, this application should be refused because the tree has significant amenity value and no proper justification for its felling has been provided. Instead it should be properly managed and maintained. The proposal is therefore contrary to national and local policy and guidance. If the application to fell the tree is permitted, this should be subject to a bat survey. Furthermore, a requirement to replace it with a tree of similar size and value should be imposed and strictly enforced. Finally, I understand that Camden Council is the freeholder of 43 Dartmouth Park Hill, and, if I am correct, any planning implications of its location on council owned land should be carefully considered.</p>

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