

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2017/6069/P	Dr Dr Vicki Harding	Garden Flat 19 Frognal Lane London NW3 7DB	28/12/2017 19:28:47	OBJ	<p>I wish to object to this planning application in my role as Tree Officer of the Heath &amp; Hampstead Society.</p> <p>Trees 1, 3 and 8 are described as mature in Adam Hollis' Arb Impact Assessment Report, however they are also of historical value for Hampstead being marked on the 1866 OS map as significant trees then, within a hedgerow line. Local knowledge about such hedgerow trees in Hampstead and on Hampstead Heath indicates that these trees are often considerably older than trees of the same trunk dimensions. Adam Hollis was most probably not aware of these historical factors. We consider this gives them veteran tree status, particularly as they have important veteran characteristics and are important for their connection to veteran oak trees on Hampstead Heath. These connections are retained and supported via Biodiversity Corridors noted in the draft Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan and in the early stages of the development of the Redington Frognal Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Veteran trees require special protection for their roots as they are more vulnerable to disturbance and Natural England's Standing Advice for Ancient Woodland and Veteran trees recommends their RPZs be at least 15 metres.</p> <p>The veteran status of these trees and the implementation of the Standing Advice may be controversial, however it is clear that the proposed works – taking these factors into consideration should err on the side of extreme caution, in addition to the comments in Adam Hollis' tree report.</p> <p>At this stage I consider that the trees are such an important factor that this warrants refusal.</p>

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