



Dear Gerry Oxford,

I wish to express my concerns about this application to crown reduce 2 sycamores here.

I believe these trees - as portrayed on the Tree Plan - are part of the Lane behind the property which is a public right of way and owned by the Maryon Wilson estate.

Part of the Lane has already been illegally fenced off with wire fencing and barbed wire, whereas the Location Map shows that it is Willow Cottage's house wall that is the boundary. As such no work should be allowed to be done to the trees here without the estate's express permission and Camden's consent to work on trees *that are on a public right of way*.

This Lane is part of Biodiversity Corridor H in the Hampstead Draft Neighbourhood Plan that is currently before Camden and about to go to the Examiner. Local people have concerns that owners of several properties near the Lane have tried to use the Lane for their own ends: lorry park, construction vehicle turning area, garden waste dump and fenced-off access. Many of these attempts have included tree felling which so far Camden has resisted. Tree work in this part of the Lane was resisted by Camden in the past - 2007/5622/T, 2007/4460/T and 2006/5510/T (when Camden's Decision Notice stated that permission of the owners was required) - and I am concerned that permission for further work here continues to legitimise the fencing off of the Lane here.

With all good wishes

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