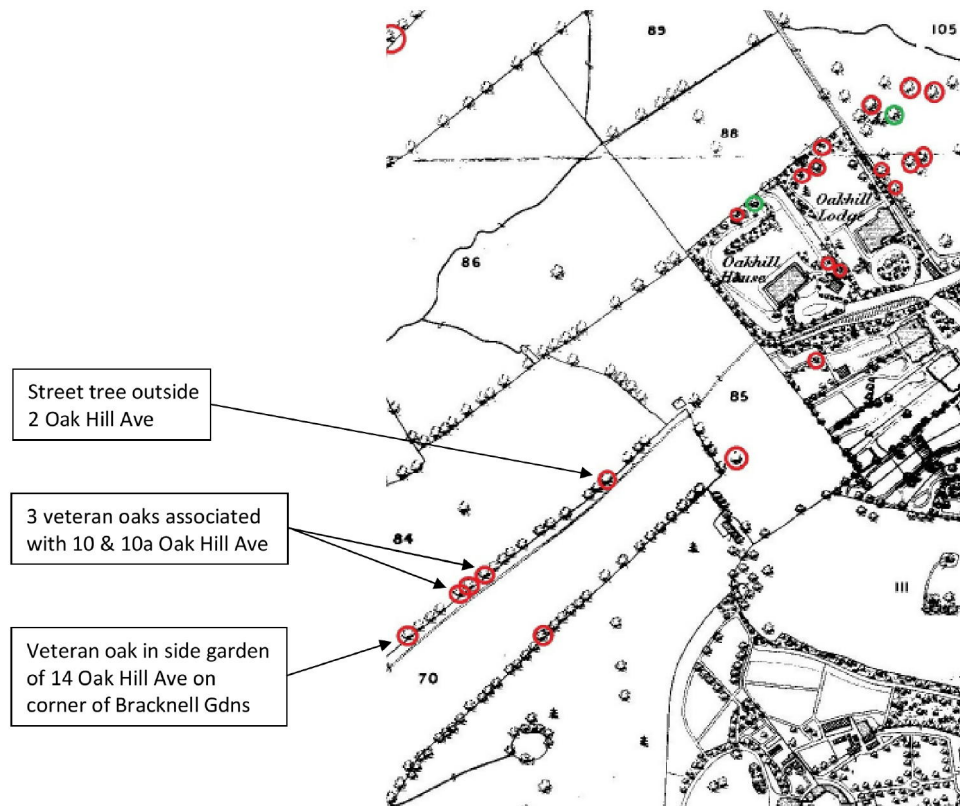


**Historic map evidence for oak trees associated with 10 & 10a Oak Hill Avenue
being *at least* 250 years old**



1866 OS map showing oak trees in Oak Hill Avenue that still exist

Hampstead is fortunate for being surveyed in 1866 for the earliest Ordnance Survey map series. Trees present in 1866 and marked with a special stamp (see below) for significant trees on the 1866 OS map but still existing in 2018 are circled in red on the map section above.

The three oak trees associated with 10 and 10a Oak Hill Avenue can be seen to have previously been significant trees in a field boundary hedgerow to the north of the ancient lane running from Branch Hill, along Oak Hill Way south of Oak Hill House, and on towards the southern part of the hamlet New West End on the Finchley Road. This evidence of existence as significant hedgerow trees in 1866 would indicate it likely that the trees are *at least* 250 years old, hence of local historic importance as well as biodiversity importance for their veteran tree characteristics (and arguably veteran tree status), and thus require extra protection for their roots as in Natural England's Standing Advice for Ancient Woodland and Veteran Trees.

From *Ordnance Survey, Map Makers to Britain since 1791* by Tim Owen and Elaine Pilbeam (pub Ordnance Survey and HMSO, 1992):

'New mechanical devices were invented to speed up the laborious process of engraving, including a spring-punch for hedgerow trees' (page 32) and '.... less detail was shown on the

later 1:2500 maps than on earlier ones.... from 1892 surveyors stopped recording individual trees within hedges' (page 56).

These can be seen in the photograph from this book (page 33) below:



Engraver's spring-punch with a selection of tree and vegetation stamps (page 33)



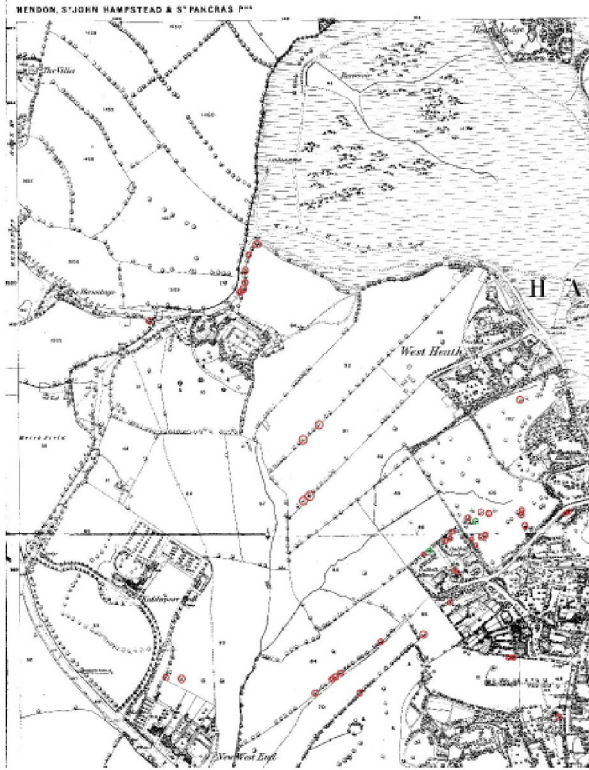
Southern of the two veteran oaks of 10a Oak Hill Avenue; 10 Oak Hill Avenue's veteran oak behind



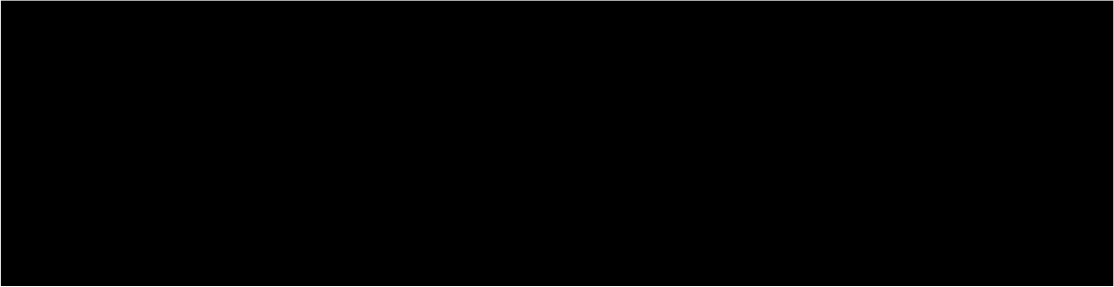
Veteran oak in side garden of 14 Oak Hill Avenue



Veteran oak street tree outside 2 Oak Hill Avenue



Larger section of 1866 OS map showing other veterans in the area
Dr Vicki Harding, Tree Officer Heath & Hampstead Society



Dear Planning,

re: 2017/6069/P 10A Oakhill Avenue London NW3 7RE

Following up on my objection sent in on 28th December 2017, I am sending further evidence of my assertion that three of the trees associated with this application are of local historical importance, should be classified as veterans and as such given a much wider Root Protection Zone where any future excavation and building are concerned.

Please see the enclosed document.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year

Vicki Harding

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Tree Officer Heath & Hampstead Society

