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To: Planning
Subject: 2018/0655/T 37 Maresfield Gardens London NW3 5SG
Attachments: 37 Maresfield Gdns Birds Eye.png; 37 Maresfield Gdns StreetView 50.png

Dear Sir,

I am objecting to the felling of these 3 conifers as they provide both visual and anti-pollution amenity to Maresfield Road and a considerable slowing of rainfall to the ground where run-off is a problem downstream in South and West Hampstead. The photograph has not been downloaded to the Camden Planning website - the inaccurate Tree Plan is in twice - but it is clear that these beautiful trees are one of the main redeeming features of this front garden which already has, essentially two cross-overs to it, and no reason has been put forward for their felling.

I suspect the proposed felling is to increase the extent of car parking here. My suspicions are aroused by the fact that there are in fact two trees along the boundary and one behind, not three in a row as on the plan (see Birds Eye view), this last tree taking up much more potential car parking space. Access across the northern cross-over is blocked by a Camden parking notice pole. Once the trees are felled Camden could not prevent an increase in hardstanding across the front garden here, as well as additional access by cars to the large area of hardstanding on the entire northern part of the front 'garden', so this needs to be strongly resisted.

Advice might be sought from a Camden Transport Officer, but if the Tree Officers feel unable to resist their felling, could I ask that they require/support replacement by the planting of a coniferous hedge behind the boundary wall and along its length, ultimately kept at a height that provides good treescape amenity, a reasonable pollution barrier for all the occupants of the house and at least reduces the rainwater run-off caused by the extent of impermeable hardstanding in the front garden and loss of such a lot of rainwater-retaining tree canopy.

Yours sincerely

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