

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2018/1385/T	M.J.Dennis	26 Downshie Hill Hampstead London NW3 1NT	17/04/2018 18:05:22	OBJ	<p>We strongly object to this application.</p> <p>There is no evidence that the tree has any disease nor that it is dead or even dying. "In decline" is not a sufficient justification for felling a magnificent tree that is a much admired by residents and passers-by in an important conservation area.</p> <p>The application is premature. There have been seasonal changes over the past two winters which may well explain any reduced flowering. These reasons appear to have affected magnolias in other areas. There is abundant fresh leaf growth coming through.</p> <p>Any such application needs to be supported by a detailed report from an expert who has specialised knowledge as to magnolia trees confirming i) whether the tree is truly in decline ii) what has caused such a decline iii) whether the condition of the surrounding soil and/or the root system itself is poor and, if so, the reason for that iv) what steps can be taken to halt and/or remedy the situation by appropriate tree care.</p> <p>In the absence of a specialist report of that nature, the application should be withdrawn and the situation reviewed following a further years growth.</p>
