

LBC Environment Planning Application 2018/2080/T,
Site Address 6 Brookfield Park NW5 1ER (in Conservation Area)
Development Description Rear Garden, 1xFig – Fell
Applicant Subsidence Management Services
Case Officer Gerry Oxford 4983

We make this late submission as the owner-occupiers of 6 Brookfield Park, following an informal site visit on 6 June by the Case Officer, to state our position on this application which was not made by us.

History:

We were advised by a company called MitigationES by letter on 26 January 2018 of a ‘Subsidence Issue at 8 Brookfield Park’ (the other half of a semi-detached pair of houses with our no.6), and that they recommended felling the prunus tree in the garden of no.8 together with our small fig tree in no.6. We were not happy with the latter proposal, and in a telephone discussion with the company representative on 5 February it was agreed that since their borehole at the rear of the house at no.8 had found prunus roots but not fig roots, they would first pursue the felling of the prunus at no.8, and only if that did not mitigate the subsidence would they actively seek the felling of our tree. I accepted that they might however apply for permission to fell both trees, because the fig could still not be felled unless we subsequently gave permission and access.

In a word, our position on this application is that we do not wish to have our fig tree felled. We would consider agreeing to fell it in the future providing that it could be established – as it has not been so far - that it is a cause of building subsidence at no.8.

Robin and Coral Howells

