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**Cc:** Green, David [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2018/2495/T

Dear Nick Bell

Thank you for informing us of this Application to fell and treat stump of the mature plane tree in the grounds of 15 Akenside Road. We understand this Application is being made on behalf of the owners of 12 Akenside Road who are alleging subsidence of the property based upon tree movement.

[REDACTED] This tree is clearly visible from our (top floor) flat windows at the rear and may be viewed from the driveway that leads to no 66 Fitzjohn's Avenue. Most of the trunk and crown may also be viewed from Akenside Road.

We strongly object to the felling of this lovely, mature tree. It makes a significant contribution to the neighbourhood, both in terms of its seasonal changing appearance, the shade and privacy it affords and its support for the many species of birds and the local wildlife.

We refer to the comments in italics (14.05.2018) on the Factual Report of Trial Pit and Borehole Investigation made by Vicki Harding, Tree Officer for the Heath and Old Hampstead Society. Although these comments were made in response to a different Application from the same property (2018/1984/T), having read them, we find the expert and detailed *local* knowledge to be highly relevant to this Application, as is the email that accompanied the comments written to both Tom Little and yourself. We ask that these be taken into account.

We note that in her email (14.05.2018 para 7), Vicki Harding, whilst she considers that silt erosion likely plays the key role in any alleged subsidence, recommends a drain survey of the local properties as opposed to the felling of innocent trees.

With best wishes

David and Valeria Green

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