



REDINGTON FROGNAL ASSOCIATION
Umbrella body for residents groups in the Redington Froggnal Conservation Area

Tree Allocation
Development Management
London Borough of Camden

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Dear Tree team,

We are dismayed to learn of this application affecting two sites in the Fitzjohn's Netherhall Conservation Area. The proposals will cause considerable harm to the streetscape and the environment.

We note that the area of hard surface at 90 Fitzjohn's Area has very recently been widened to create an enlarged front garden car park, with no margins of soft surface left for tree planting or water run-off.

It is not surprising that the tree survey by Bartlett Consulting has found that the tree stock at these sites is "good/fair to reduced" with an "adequate to less than adequate structural form", given that the trees are completely surrounded by hard surface or enclosed by built structures, which deny water and oxygen to the trees. As a matter of urgency, sizeable tree pits should be excavated to prevent further harm to the trees' health. Rather than undertake tree reduction works, therefore, the environment of the trees should be repaired, in order for them to live to become veterans.

We also note that Arkwright Road and Fitzjohn's Avenue have illegal levels of air pollution, in large part due to the school run. Average concentrations of 62 µg/cu m³ of NO₂ have been recorded in Arkwright Road by Redington Froggnal Association. The chart below shows that the highest recordings found by Redington Froggnal Association were for Arkwright Road, and that these were even higher than for Finchley Road. Even higher levels are recorded by Camden at 47 Fitzjohn's Avenue:

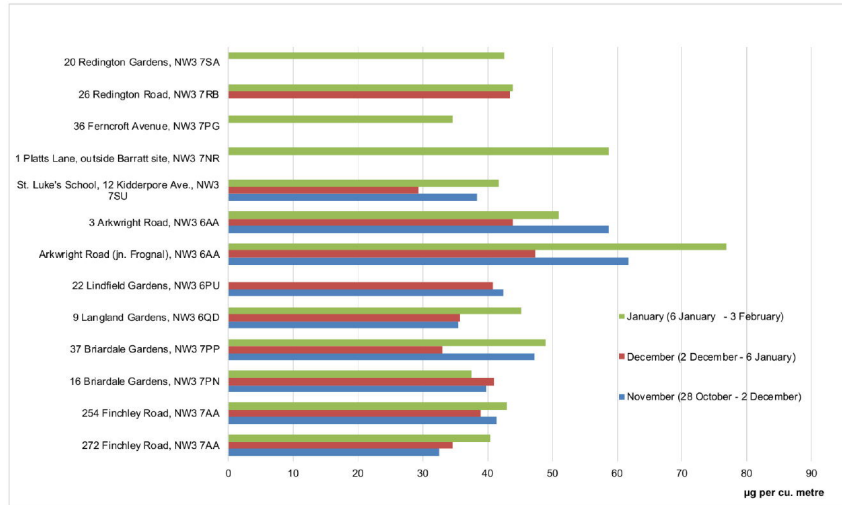
<https://opendata.camden.gov.uk/Environment/NO2-Fitzjohn-s/i2yi-cdsb/data>

With children's health at risk, it would be quite irresponsible to undertake any works which would reduce the ability of the trees to filter vehicle particulates.





Redfrog Diffusion Tube Monitoring Sites, November 2015 to January 2016



Redington Frogna Association therefore objects to this proposal and requests that large tree pits are urgently excavated around all the trees at both sites, to safeguard the trees' health, and that margins of soft surface are created on either side of the front garden car park at 90 Fitzjohn's Avenue and at 1-3 Arkwright Road.

We furthermore request that Tree Preservation Orders are placed on all trees at both sites.

Yours faithfully

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Secretary

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