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2018/4091/T	Michael Hibbs	13/09/2018 04:10:48	OBJ	
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I note that there is a plan to remove 3m from the bottom of a 7.5 crown (Crown Raising) in two cases - I understand it is best practice that crown raising should be restricted to no more than 15% of crown height. Not connected with this land, but one of the large trees in another adjacent plot seems to have died due to over-pruning so we are keen to avoid this happening here as well.

Furthermore we note that the application form says that provision should be made for re-planting a tree when a protected one is felled, and this is not covered in the application.

I would like to suggest this planning application is reviewed to ensure the felling is really necessary, and that the other work will not compromise the trees over the longer term.

Please ensure that my personal details are not included into your website.

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2018/4091/T	Artur Saraiva	13/09/2018 21:01:27	COMMNT

**Response:**

Dear Mr. Bell,

I live on block 17 Frognal London, NW3 6AR. I write you to in reference to the application for works to trees covered by a TPO Proposal(TPO REF. C784 2008) REAR GARDEN: 1 x Sycamore (T1) - reduce crown to specified point in report 1 x Lime (T2) - Crown reduce by approximately 2 metres 1 x Lime (T3) - Crown reduce by approximately 2 metres 1 x Sycamore (T4) - Fell to ground level

As the Local Authority, you will consider this application, and exercise your powers under section 17 of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012. This will involve deciding whether or not permission is granted for the works to be carried out on each of the four trees, and the extent of works permitted. I kindly request careful consideration of the application as this site is one of the last remaining area of woodland behind Finchley Road.

I am concerned that the proposed works do not conform with the guidance provided by to the trees.org.uk website re the pruning trees protected by TPOs. The Application requests the pruning of 3m from the bottom of a 7.5 crown (so-called "Crown Raising") when the guidance restricts this raising to no more that 15% of crown height. The danger may be that over-pruning could kill the trees and this would be devastating. I am also concerned over the fact that the application proposes to fell tree number 4 have no proposal for a tree to be replanted in its place.

As early as July 2018, the RedFrog Neighborhood Forum notified all of their plans to apply to have this site designated as a "Local Green Space" as it meets the conditions set out in sections 76 and 77 of the National Planning Policy Framerok (NPPF). The site is particularly important due to its rich biodiversity and the native trees and hedges are used as ecosystem by a wide range of birds such as robins, magpies, blackbirds, and a woodpecker and other wildlife including bats (Fursefen bat report as evidence).

The importance of the site also require more studies regarding the health of the trees. As way of reference, the submitted photos include yellow leaves from trimming of Ivy off the trees.

For context, the owner of the land has indicated to all residents at 17Frognal that he has firm intention to apply for planning permission for building on the site.

I hope you find these comments helpful. Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this directly.

Kind regards

Artur