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To: Henry, Kate

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 Giovanni Spinella; Newman, Henry (Councillor)

 Subject:
 2019/2263/P: Woodland to rear of 17 Frognal

Attachments: QT-82006-1_Redington_Report.pdf

Dear Ms Henry,

I have heard that Camden officers are proposing to recommend approval for building on this greenfield site in a built-up area, where there are native trees with TPOs, supporting much wildlife.

This is the last remaining woodland site in the Redington Frognal Conservation Area and is absolutely key to the character of the Conservation Area which, according to ProximTREE data, has suffered a completely unsustainable loss of 40% of all its trees between 2010 and 2016, as a result of planning consents.

I am at a loss to understand this recommendation, which would seem contrary to all legislation designed to protect precious greenfield sites which support wildlife and are of importance to a Conservation Area. Consent for the destruction of this copse would also be contrary the NERC Biodiversity duty. Guidance, from DEFRA and Natural England, requires local authorities to conserve biodiversity and green infrastructure, including woodlands.

Such is the importance of this site as a stepping stone for bats and other wildlife, that it is proposed that the site be designated as Local Green Space by the Redington Frognal Neighbourhood Plan, which is at an advanced stage and about to undergo its Regulation 16 public consultation.

The ProximiTREE data are attached.

Kind regards,

Nancy Mayo