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To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team
Planning Ref: 2019/4731/T
Address: Wellside, Well Walk
Tree Officer: Tom Little

Date 18th Oct 2019

Dear Mr Little,

I wish to submit an objection to this work.

This application has been submitted by Wassells Arboricultural Services: the same firm who submitted the work for 2015/5445/T.

The trees have hardly recovered from the mutilation they underwent in 2015. These beautiful Lombardy poplars were stripped and resembled loo brushes.

I am worried that if they are pruned drastically again and so soon, their health may be damaged and we may lose these trees. I consider they should at least be given time to recover fully.

These trees are an important part of the treescape of Well Walk, which is an attractive and important street for the history of Hampstead, and is used by many hundreds of people daily - local residents and visitors to Hampstead and the Heath from all over the world.

But the trees are more than that. Lombardy poplars were planted for their property to take up water in damp and boggy areas. One of the streams which feeds the River Fleet flows from above Well Walk down through what is now the entrance to Gainsborough Gardens, which was formerly a swamp. The carriageway of Well Walk at that point is particularly subject to subsidence caused by the underlying geology, and Lombardy poplars help to reduce the amount of groundwater that causes silt and gravel to wash away along the underground service drains, pipes and cables.

We are all increasingly aware of the importance of trees, for

- carbon capture
- pollution reduction
- amenity value and
- mental health.

Please refuse this application.

Yours sincerely,

Marguerite M. Morton.