

REDINGTON FROGNAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

9 December 2019

Dear Mr. Little and Mr. Bell,

The Neighbourhood Forum are gravely concerned over the extent of tree felling and consequent harm to the character of the Redington Frognal Conservation Area, designated as a heritage asset, and its setting. The level of fellings on private land has reached unsustainable proportions, with ProximiTREE data indicating that 40% of the conservation area's trees have been lost in just six years.

As others have noted, the whole of north London is situated on shrinkable clay, but this does not mean that every tree should be felled.

We would also point out that the Frognal and Fitzjohn's ward is at risk of surface water flooding, where drains and sewers are operating at capacity. As a Lead Local Flood Authority, it is particularly important that trees are retained to help reduce surface water runoff and drain and sewer flooding.

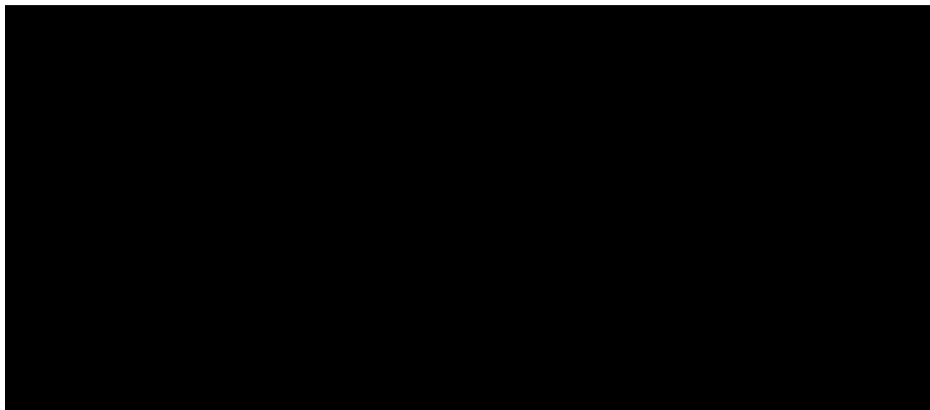
Against this background, we should like to object to the following notices of intent and to seek the trees' retention by means of TPOs.


2019/5710/T: Camden Arts Centre (CAC)

We would note that the trees and vegetation are important to the stability of the bank between the pavement and the main upper ground floor entrance level of CAC and point out that evidence directly linking the particular trees to settlement or subsidence has not been provided.

From the interior of CAC, the horizontal cracks appear more like settlement cracks than the jagged / diagonal, zigzag cracks that are typical of subsidence.

The Forum are aware that many of the properties in Arkwright Road, a street which is devoid of trees, have some settlement. However, residents attribute this to the high volumes of HGV and construction vehicles, which have caused speed tables to sink. We suggest that it is ascertained whether traffic movements are similarly the cause of the cracking at CAC.





Redington Frogna! Neighbourhood Forum therefore request the retention of all of the above trees, in the absence of any evidence to demonstrate a particular need for their felling.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Mayo

Secretary

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