

REDINGTON FROGNAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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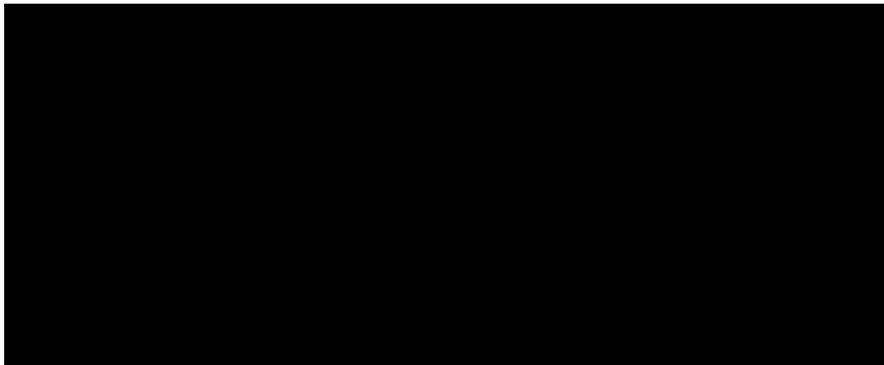
Dear Mr. Little and Mr. Bell,

The Neighbourhood Forum are gravely concerned over the extent of tree felling and consequent harm to the character of the Redington Frogmal 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 Frogmal 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.




2019/5716/T: Frogmal Court Wood

This is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) on account of the trees. Such trees are not only central to the character of the Fitzjohn's Netherhall Conservation Area but are also vital for guarding against surface water flooding, subsidence and landslip, in an area with a large body of underground water.

No explanation is provided as to why these eight mature trees, which constitute an important amenity to residents, need to be felled. The fourteen younger trees have the capability to grow to become significant amenities for residents and wildlife, while also helping combat illegal levels of NO₂ and particulate matter.

Given the importance of the trees to the SINC, we would request a woodland TPO be issued to ensure their protection.





Redington Frogmal 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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