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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: 'Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area'

In response to the notification of intended works to trees in a conservation area at the following address, 17 Lindfield Gardens, here are my detailed comments.

Lindfield Gardens is located between Finchley Road and Frognal and it is, on the one hand, generally used as a shortcut to Finchley Road by commuters, on the other it is part of the route or 'school run' serving over 10 schools in the area.

In this context, the trees at 17 Lindfield Gardens represent the only source of protection available against the pollution generated by heavy traffic on both sides of the road, under normal circumstances.

Moreover, the majority of trees under consideration (T3/T4/T5/T6/T7/T8 and T10) are at the same height than other neighbouring trees and I therefore strongly object to their height being significantly reduced as proposed.

This is, overall, not necessary and it fails to address the general maintenance problem at the property.

By way of some additional and relevant contextual information, the garden company involved was called upon by one of the leaseholders to reinstate the back garden whose state has significantly deteriorated over the years. Their brief was to address what is needed to reinstate the garden which is communal i.e cleaning and clearing the ground, cutting back the overgrowth, reinstating the structure of the original walls and paths and the gates of the front and back garden.

As things stand, the proposal by the garden company is both unacceptable and inadequate.

Unacceptable because the trees are in a conservation area, at the same height than neighbouring trees and offer a strong and much-needed source of protection; it seems on this point that the proposed works to hand represent a way to make money.

Inadequate because the back garden is currently a health and safety hazard and the priority is therefore to reinstate it as a communal garden and to make it clean and tidy, prior to considering any other works.

To summarize:

T3/T4/T5/T6/T7/T8/T10/T12 do not need to be reduced.

T9, however, can be reduced and the overhang cut down since it is currently overhanging in a neighbour's garden.

T11 and T13 can be removed since they were not part of the original front garden design.

Yours Sincerely

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