



Application number: 2020/1599/T
91 Canfield Gardens London NW6 3EA
REAR GARDEN: 1 x Black Poplar - Fell to ground level.
Application type: Application for Works to Tree(s) covered by a TPO

Dear Camden Planning Department,

I wish to formally and strongly object to the proposal to fell the black poplar in the rear garden of 91 Canfield Gardens proposed in planning application number 2020/1599/T.

This application is being made again despite the formal objections raised by a number of neighbours to the application made last year, 2019/1345/T. I believe the applicant is now cynically attempting to exploit the coronavirus lockdown to put in a new application to fell the tree in the hopes that neighbours will not notice the repeated attempt.

I am the property owner at Flat 1, 90 Greencroft Gardens NW6 3PH, with a home overlooking the above tree and this will have a direct and negative impact on my family's home and our enjoyment of the local area.

The trees in the rear gardens of both Canfield Gardens and Greencroft Gardens are an important local amenity, providing visual beauty, essential privacy between homes, blocking direct sightlines and also vital noise reduction.

The black poplar is a large tree and easily visible for hundreds of metres, and from both inside my home and from my garden. It is not diseased and is in good health. There is no valid reason to fell this beautiful tree.

The reason given for destruction of this tree in the application is that the black poplar is BELIEVED to be the reason for clay shrinkage subsidence in the property of 94 Greencroft Gardens. There is no actual physical evidence for this in the report and it is highly unlikely to be the cause.

There has been a lot of ground movement around 94 and 90 Greencroft Gardens due to the basement extension works at 92 Greencroft Gardens. The damage to my own property was significant and lasted for years.

It is far more likely that the movement in 2018/2019 from clay shrinkage that has caused damage to 94 Greencroft Gardens is as a result of the exceptionally dry summer of 2018. The rear conservatory on my own property also saw considerable movement from ground movement which my building insurance loss adjuster stated was the result of the clay shrinkage from the arid conditions last summer. It had nothing to do with the poplar.

Also, the destruction of this tree will set a dangerous precedent for the gardens area. If this tree can be felled for no good reason then this will set a dangerous precedent and every tree in the gardens conservation area could be felled to the ground on the same basis.

The black poplar should be drastically cut back so that its roots do not need to spread so far and it needs less water, which would result in less clay shrinkage in future.

My family and I strongly object to the proposed felling of this tree, which is an important local amenity enjoyed by many dozens of families living in both Canfield Gardens and Greencroft Gardens.

Yours faithfully,

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