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Dear **Sirs**

Thank you for letter providing the opportunity to comment on the planning application. I would like to **object** to the felling of the tree to the ground level. The South Hampstead area was known to be a "garden area" loved for its lush tree lined streets and green rear gardens. I have been living in this area for almost 20 years now and all visitors admire the old trees around here in such proximity to the centre of London. Felling old trees and replacing them with new trees cannot be the solution. It takes a very long time for new trees to grow into sizeable specimens. It needs no longer any explanation that aged trees are important in an urban environment. If the current tree provides "too much shade" as stipulated in the application, the owner of the property may have it pruned. More and more trees in this area are being cut and it changes the character of the whole area. With respect, but this should be stopped!

Kind regards

Volker Hans Recker

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