

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/1705/T		21/04/2020 10:18:52	OBJ	<p>There are several issues of relevance to Camden planning in this, and other recent and similar applications. Due to the recent dry weather a number of trees have been the subject of subsidence claims to the planning committee. In these dry periods the normal withdrawal of moisture by tree roots is seen as exacerbating the clay shrinkage in the local area. This has led to small cracks opening in properties suggesting subsidence. As the engineering report in this application suggests this process will be reversed in winter periods when cracks will close. To that end, it appears Camden will need an overall policy to prevent all shrubs which are grouped within this area (relating to subsidence) to prevent every tree within this targeted being removed. Having seen this same request in a number of applications it is clear this is not a single or or unique occurrence. Can Camden's engineers and gardeners please develop a strategy and policy which will assist the planning committee with guidelines in approving, or otherwise, such applications. The risk of not having a strategy and consequent policy guidelines will be the removal of many trees from the borough which would not otherwise need to be removed. This will count against the carbon neutral policy and strategy of Camden. the committee will need to judge the suitability of each claim, as in this case, however without a strategy similar objections and similar issues will be received in Multiple cases. The objection to this application is in the lack of a strategy or policy covering Camden which will treat all such cases in a fair and consistent manner.</p>
