

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/3522/T	Lucy Findlay	13/08/2020 15:59:25	OBJ	<p>I would like to object to felling (yet another) tree from a front garden in the South Hampstead Conservation Area known as "The Gardens". The arboriculture and engineer's reports point to existence of very small roots in the two exploratory pits (less than 5mm and 1 mm), they state slight damage to the property which is likely to close and open seasonally, they recommend further monitoring be undertaken (it is not clear if this has been done or if further site investigations as per their proposed plan have taken place during 2020).</p> <p>The foundations of all the original buildings in the South Hampstead Conservation Area are known to be very shallow due to underground rivers flowing in the area and heavy clay which is prone to shrinkage with OR without vegetation.</p> <p>It seems a very heavy handed, non reversible action to fell a mature tree in order to then see if the slight damage stabilises and what course of action can then be taken. It is perhaps also worth considering whether in fact the recent major renovation works and tree removal at number 7 Woodchurch Road have caused the "slight damage" rather than the tree.</p>

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