

22 March 2021

To: Camden Tree Officers

Re: 2021/1004/T, 7 Gayton Road NW3 1TX

From: Janine Griffis

The Forum objects to the proposed removal of this tree as it would be contrary to NE2 and NE3 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan. A mature tree such as the sycamore encourages biodiversity and provides wildlife habitat and is part of a larger biodiversity corridor.

The garden of 7 Gayton Road is part of Biodiversity Corridor A in the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan (see Appendix 4). Policy NE3 states that proposals for a property that includes part of a biodiversity corridor should not diminish the ability of these corridors to provide habitat and the free movement of wildlife.

Policy NE2 of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan further states that development will protect trees that are important to local character, streetscape, biodiversity and the environment.

As the wall apparently will need to be re-built, the Forum would recommend that the wall be re-built in a way that accommodates the current girth and root structure and anticipates future growth.

We include below several instances in the neighbourhood to demonstrate how this can be accomplished.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



The wall of the Grade I-listed Fenton House NW3



The wall of Grade II-listed 1 Cannon Place NW3