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Dear Sir/Madam

## DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)

### **OBJECTION TO SECTION 211 NOTICE OF WORKS TO TREE/S IN A CONSERVATION AREA**

Address:

**Elm Tree House**  
**13 Netherhall Gardens**  
**London**  
**NW3 5RN**

Description:

REAR GARDEN: 4 x Poplars within group (TG1) - Fell to near ground level and treat stumps to inhibit regrowth.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 29 April 2021 and decided to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:

Reasons for objection:

- 1 These four, mature, broadly spreading 20m+ poplar trees form a significant landscape feature that contributes to the character and appearance of both the Redington Frognaal and the Fitzjohns Netherall conservation areas. The trees form one end of a green corridor and collectively form one large mass of green infrastructure, providing a high level of ecological services.

The trees are highly visible from the public realm and are visible from the highway on Frognaal up to 350m away. The trees are the focal point of a significant, unbroken view when looking down Frognaal. The trees are also partially visible from Netherhall Way, provide habitat potential and help to combat climate change.

The trees are less than 100m from Finchley Road, a major A road of six lanes in places and often heavily congested. Poplar trees perform a valuable function of capturing airborne particulate matter with the downy underside of their leaves. 2016 is the most recent year for which an accurate air pollution model is available for mean NO2, PM10 and PM2.5 levels. This study shows that area of Finchley Road closest to the trees fails the annual mean objective for NO2 levels with in excess of 58 microgrammes per cubic metre, which is the highest point measured on the scale. The trees are also less than 70m from a primary school.

The documents submitted with the s.211 notification allege that the poplar trees are contributing to vegetation-related property damage at a neighbouring property. Level monitoring data has not been included with the submission and there are no details of drain investigations. The Saliceace root samples found did not show starch content.

The evidence submitted to implicate the trees as a contributing factor to property damage is not considered conclusive.

It is recommended that a tree preservation order be served to be protect the amenity the trees provide and the character and appearance of the conservation areas

**A Tree Preservation Order has been served on the tree/s and no work should be carried out without the prior consent of the Council.**

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope  
Chief Planning Officer

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