

REDINGTON FROGNAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

20 December, 2021

Dear Mr. Bell and Mr. Little,

2021/5668/T: 1-5 Telegraph Hill – objection

The Redington Froggnal Neighbourhood Forum is deeply concerned by the prospect of any work to these veteran trees, which are protected by TPOs, and would be contrary to Policy BGI 2 v.

No evidence has been supplied to indicate:

- that the proposed arboriculturist has expertise in working with veteran trees, or the necessary very specialist knowledge
- compliance with British Standard 3998:2010 – including provision for a decision-making process whereby non-intervention has been considered
- that there is any concern the trees could be diseased or might break or fall.

The importance of these veteran oaks is furthermore noted in the Neighbourhood Plan's designation of the site as Local Green Space LGS 3 on grounds including the trees' role as an important green corridor and their contribution to biodiversity.

The proposed works are unnecessary, and the introduction of wounds is likely to compromise the lifespans of these special trees. We would request a second opinion be supplied by an arboriculturist specialising in works to veteran trees.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary

Redington Froggnal Neighbourhood Forum

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