**REDINGTON FROGNAL**

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

8i March, 2022

Dear Mr. Greenhalgh,

**Application 2021/5953/P- objection**

This application is for a very large outbuilding (with an internal gross area of 40 sq. metres), to be sited beneath a rear garden tree corridor, very close to the West Heath Site of Metropolitan Importance for Nature Conservation. The garden at 93 Redington Road is lightly wooded with Cypress trees and an evergreen hedge, but some recent losses of trees and privet hedging have occurred and a number of elderberry and sycamore trees will be removed (indicated on pages 5-6 of the accompanying arboricultural report).

The proposed building will result in the loss of foraging and commuting habitat for birds, bats and other species. The importance of garden habitat for bats and birds is established in the Redington Frognal Neighbourhood Plan Evidence Base documents (52) and (52 i) to (52 xxxii):

<https://www.redfrogforum.org/evidence-base/>

[BGI 1 Gardens and Ecology – bat reports and other sightings](https://www.redfrogforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/52-BGI-1-Gardens-and-Ecology-%E2%80%93-bat-reports-and-other-sightings.pdf)

and from: <https://www.redfrogassociation.org/garden-wildlife/>

Policies relating to the local ecological network formed by RedFrog gardens and relevant to the application are:

SD 1, SD 2, SD 4 (vii, viii, xii, xiii), SD 5

BGI 1, BGI 2, BGI 3.

The loss of rear garden space and a large garden building are not compliant with the aims of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Mayo

Secretary

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