

Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee

To: London Borough of Camden / Development Control Team

Type of comment; objection

Planning Reference no: 2022/2263/T

Address: No 9 Marresfield Gdns.,NW3 5SJ

Description: felling of trees in Redington Frognal Neighbourhood Forum conservation area:

Rear garden; 1 X Grandiflora -T1- Fell to ground

1x Eucalyptus T2- fell to ground 1x Holm oak- T3- fell to ground 1x Grandiflora- T4- fell to ground

Group of 4 mixed conifer species including laylandi and spruce- G1 - Fell to ground

Date: 21 June 2022

Planning officer in charge/Tree officer

Dear Appeal and enforcement Team

HCAAC objects to this application for the following reasons;

- 1. HCAAC notes the minimum amount of information provided by applicant for their proposals. The time of registration; 25.05.2022- and allowance for comments;15.06.2022 had meant our late response.
- 2. HCAAC objects to the felling of the above 4 trees numbered T1, T2 T3 and T4 and the grouping G1. The felling of these trees would be detrimental to The 'National Green policies and bio diversity' currently being advocated. In addition these large number tree fellings' will be against the green local policies of Camden Borough and recently adopted neighbourhood plans. These large existing trees act as a noise and pollution buffer between Maresfield Gardens and their adjoining neighbours at Mullion Court, 114, 113 Finchley Road and further Finchley Road. They also offer some respite amenity to the local residents against the traffic on Finchley Rd. The existing trees provide necessary habitat for wildlife, in the area and act as a passage or a green corridor to small birds and insects away from the Finchley Road. There is no justification for the removal of such large number of trees and grouping trees that have sustained adverse weather in so many years. Replacement planting will take many years to get established, we recommend that the planting of the new cypress hedges to be carried out without felling any of the trees. It must be possible to enhance the boundaries by positioning of planting in accordance with Aboricultural recommendations; avoiding the unnecessary felling of healthy trees.

Best Regards Mojgan Green- Co Chair of HCAAC