

**12 Hampstead Hill Gardens
London NW3 2PL**

19th August 2022

Dear Ms Fieldsend

Application 2020/5187/P

I am writing to comment on the above application.

On the Planning Application portal the applicant posted on 21/7/2022 "Revised proposed/as built plans - (new planting)". My comments on the drawings are as follows.

Ao.1 There is a line drawn to indicate a division of the garden. This is no such division as you will see in other drawings submitted by the applicant, so there is a contradiction here. The applicant continues to refer to there being two separate properties. There is no 14a. The garages belong to no 14. The garages do not have a garden. I leave it to you as a Planning Officer to decide why the applicant persists in attempting to create this false divide. Something to do with the application to build a house on the garage site perhaps?

Ao.2 I do not believe the drawings of the banked earth to be accurate in this drawing titled 'Pre-existing'. Please see attached a photograph of the level of the soil left in one corner prior to the excavation of more than 100 skips of earth in the rest of the garden ahead of the artificial grass being laid. I mention this because I am generally concerned about the accuracy of the drawings as a whole.

Ao.3 Again reference is made to there being 14 and 14a.

Ao.4 I'm willing to be corrected, but I wonder if the height of our fence at No 12 as depicted in this drawing is accurate.

Ao.5 The fence is not between 12 and 14a but between 12 and 14.

Ao.6 It seems a shame that the Olea Europea which was planted only a couple of years ago is going to be dug up in the new planting plan. That said, will any of the trees proposed thrive in what is described as "wooden sleeper beds" which are approximately no more than 1 meter wide?

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Ao.7 The drawings of the planting in this diagram (nos 1-5) are simply not correct. The planting is sparse.

Ao.8 A thriving Photinia has been planted next to our boundary wall at No 12 and, again, it seems a shame this is going to be dug up.

Ao.10 The fence in this drawing of 14 (not 14a) is to my mind not accurate. Because of the extensive excavation of the garden at No 14, our fence at No 12, rises the further back it goes. I attach two photographs obviously taken from our side of the fence.

Ao.11 An accurate description, at last, of the fence dividing our two properties as being between Nos 12 & 14.

Ao.12 Proposed planting consists of two Crataegus Monogyna, one Olea Europea, one Carpinus Betulus and one unnamed tree. I would be interested to know what the Council's tree officers make of planting these trees in "sleeper beds"?

Finally I would like to refer to "Proposed Planting Plan Ao.3 R1" posted on 8/6/2022. In this as you will see, the proposal is to plant two Hawthorns (Crataegus Monogyna) and one Common Hornbeam (Carpinus Betulus). Please compare this with Ao.12 in "Revised Proposed/as built plans (new planting) in which the planting consists of five (not three) trees and I wonder which it is to be? Plus of course in both drawings there is mention of the replacement of the Horse Chestnut which was felled.

Could I end by saying that we expect this application to go back to the Committee for determination, as was agreed by the Committee in June.

With kind regards

Melvyn Bragg