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Mr Warren Finegold
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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:

**113 Frognal
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Description:

REAR GARDEN: 1 x London Plane - Reduce height by 30% or 10m - 15m. Reduce less on lower parts, 20% or 5m - 10m. Lift canopy over the garden area and garage roof as necessary.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 23 August 2022 and decided to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:

Reasons for objection:

- 1 The s.211 notification is for a crown reduction of 10-15m of a London plane tree that is in the rear garden of a residential property that situated within the Hampstead Conservation Area.

This huge, broadly spreading mature London plane tree is likely to be in excess of 20m tall. The tree is situated within the back of the rear garden but its large stature results in a high degree of public visibility from Frognal Rise. The tree significantly contributes to the character and appearance of the conservation area.

The tree is evenly and densely foliated, appears to be in at least fair condition

physiologically and has a long safe useful life expectancy.

Crown reductions are typically quantified as a percentage of the volume of the overall crown. This notification is for 30% or 10-15m which is far more than 30% and is close to half of the tree. Crown reducing this tree by 10-15m would destroy the amenity the tree provides and seriously harm the long term health of the tree. The size of the wounds created by such heavy pruning could become entry points for disease leading to decay. The pruning may not kill the tree but it would likely significantly reduce the safe useful life expectancy of the tree. The application form states that this degree of pruning was approved in 2016 but this is not the case.

A tree preservation order be served to protect the amenity the tree provides and the character and appearance of the conservation area.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPope', is positioned above the printed name of the Chief Planning Officer.

Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer

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