

Appendix E(ii)

7th April 2017

Dear Councillor Longstaff,

Trees backing on to one side of

I attach an email sent to Capita and the Barnet Estates Office of Barnet Council, plus copies of emails sent last year about the same issue.

As you will see last year it took 5 months for me to receive any reply from the Council and Capita. Despite the fact that a Council Officer visited my house eventually and agreed (having inspected the trees) that these trees should be pollarded (as they had been in the past) Capita refused to do that.

I have spoken to neighbours in the 14/15 houses affected by the trees' height and spread (and disease in the horse chestnuts – the horse chestnut leaf miner '*cameraria ohridella*') of these trees.

Neighbours all agree that these trees should be pollarded. The trees had been pollarded by Barnet Council when I moved back to this house (2009). Once pollarded trees need this treatment regularly. They are causing a considerable nuisance, destroying our ability to enjoy our garden space, cutting out light and sun and covering our gardens with the diseased horse chestnut leaves early in the summer.

As you are a Councillor no doubt if you contact Capita and/or the council you will get a speedy reply.

Could you

contact both Capita and the Council to let us know whether the trees will be pollarded this spring, so that we can decide quickly what further action we need to take.

Yours sincerely,