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Mike,  
It turns out that the ATC might not have a representative at the tree hearing, so this is our statement. Thanks

### **11 Kipling, Tree Hearing Comments – Dec 1, 2015**

The Arlington Tree Committee (ATC) would like to object to the removal of the street tree located at 11 Kipling. The committee's primary concern is that the construction of a new residence was undertaken prior to receiving approval for the removal of a public street tree, and the completion of this residence seems to be dependent on the removal of a healthy and mature public shade tree.

Below are some photos of the property before and after construction:

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[20151125\\_071713.jpg](#)

[20151125\\_064216.jpg](#)

Photo 1 is from Google Earth, showing the property before construction. It shows the healthy tree in the summer (fully leafed out).

Photos 2. and 3 were taken last week and show the new construction and the shade tree now partially in the way of the proposed new driveway.

These images have raised some important questions regarding this project:

1. Shouldn't the tree hearing have happened before construction proceeded as opposed to now, when there are limited options but to remove the mature shade tree? When an application for a building permit is submitted, shouldn't it contain a certified site plan showing the removal of trees and a new curb cut? If this had been done, it might have been required that there be a tree removal hearing **prior** to issuing the demolition and building permits. We do not know what was submitted with the permit application in this case, but it seems that for a new building, some sort of site plan must have been submitted.

2. Regarding a new curb cut for this project, is it possible to modify the curb cut to be a single width curb cut so that the tree could be retained despite the location of the driveway?

Given these questions. the ATC recommends that first, consideration be given to modifying the curb cut so as to retain the tree. Site visits suggest that a single width curb cut would allow for the tree to be retained. If this is not possible, the ATC feels that the town be compensated for full removal of a large diameter tree and the Trees Please fund be compensated for replacement of a similar canopy.

-the Arlington Tree Committee