

Landmark Trees

Our ref: HGH.61RDR/AIA/Ltr/01

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Dear Dominic,

Re: Response to LB Camden observations on proposed development at 61 Redington Road

I write in response to the Planning Officer's report regarding planning application 2022/1962/P, specifically Section 10 of that report 'Trees and Biodiversity'. For clarity, I will reproduce their comments in turn below in italicised text with my responses below:

10.1 A Tree Survey and Arboricultural Method Statement. The scheme involves the removal of T3 apple and T9 eucalyptus from the rear garden of the property in order to facilitate development. T3 is 7m tall and is not considered to significantly contribute to the character and appearance of the conservation area and both trees are of low visibility from the public realm. Their removal would be acceptable.

AH: Agreed.

10.2 The impact of the decking on trees to be retained on and off site will be of an acceptable level provided suitable tree protection measures are implemented.

AH: Suitable tree protection measures can readily be provided / demonstrated through the production of an Arboricultural Method Statement.

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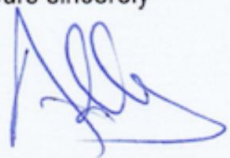
10.3 The installation of air-source heat pumps in the corner of the garden is not referred to in the arboricultural impact assessment and the DAS refers to a "plant room" at the end of the garden, situated within the root protection area of T5, a category A1 beech tree. The assessment on this tree is missing and, in absence of information to assess the development's impact, it would form a reason for refusal in line with policies A2 and A3.

AH: Provided that the base of the air-source heat pumps / plant room is constructed using either mini-piles / ground screws and a floating slab or an above ground no-dig methodology using a cellular confinement system as the sub-base for the slab, impacts to T5 will be minimal. Either constructional variation would result in this minimal impact and thus we would recommend that the final design be confirmed in an Arboricultural Method Statement which can of course be secured by condition.

10.4 If the development was acceptable a condition would secure details and the installation of tree protection measures.

AH: Agreed.

I trust the above provides sufficient detail at this stage.

Yours sincerely

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