2023/2011/T Application dated 18 May 2023 for work to two trees in the front garden at 10 Kenmore Court, 26 Acol Road, NW6, protected by a Tree Protection Order

I write as joint owner-occupier of flat 8 and shareholder of the freehold of Kenmore Court.

The applicant proposes to "reduce back to trunk" a flowering plum and a lime tree. If Camden Council approves this proposal, the plum tree will have its sturdy branches removed and be reduced to a low stump concealed behind the fence. The branches of the lime will also be removed, leaving an unattractive stump.

Both trees are a valuable amenity, providing welcome greenery in the case of the lime and attractive reddish-purple leaves and Spring blossom from the plum. They offer an attractive view from our living room and kitchen windows and those of several of our neighbours.

The trees form part of a line of trees at the front of Kenmore Court which Camden Council acknowledged in February 2009 (in relation to an application regarding a tree on the other side of our drive: 2008/5790 T) to be an important visual amenity which contributes to the character of this part of the conservation area.

Previous applications (February 2007; 2011) for work to the flowering plum and lime tree under consideration have resulted in agreement to reduce the height of each tree by 25 per cent.

A reduction in height of 25 per cent and tidying up of the shape of both trees would seem to be a reasonable arrangement.

Wendy Biss

4 June 2023