

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2023/2876/P	Louise Lewis	12/08/2023 17:37:27	OBJ	<p>We object to the removal of trees and vegetation in the front of the house. We can find no suggestion of replacement planting. Removal of greenery from the front garden will impact the character of this part of the Conservation Area with its run of listed buildings and their verdant front gardens. It will also affect the setting of the listed building itself.</p> <p>An example of a front garden at 3 The Grove.</p> <p>As with the other houses in the row, there is vegetation growing through the railings. If the wall, railings and overhang are taken down, they should be retained or replanted on replacement</p> <p>.</p> <p>It is unclear whether the wall has foundations as assumed. Many garden walls of the period had no or shallow foundations. If there are no foundations it is possible the the roots of the TPO lime in front of the house have spread through to the garden and the tree could be compromised by digging out a basement.</p> <p>Although they are small, both the apple and the Japanese maple contribute to the character of the Street Scene and an impression of leafiness along this part of The Grove. We would maintain that they, and the general planting, contribute to the setting of the listed building and to the neighbouring listed buildings.</p> <p>The apple variety should be checked. There is no indication of the age or variety of the tree in the arboricultural report and some earlier varieties only continue to exist in gardens. The National Collection at Brogdale can be helpful if there are any difficulties.</p> <p>If there is to be a basement, the applicant needs to find a way of maintaining overall appearance of the front garden, perhaps by using large planters.</p> <p>A more detailed landscaping plan for the front garden should be submitted and approved, before permission is granted</p> <p>Louise Lewis Highgate Neighbourhood Forum</p>
