

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2023/3639/T	Mark Harwood	07/09/2023 17:28:30	COMMNT	<p>I have just been informed of this application by the new owners of 3 Brookfield Park to entirely remove the magnificent copper beach tree in their garden. This tree is many years old (possibly as old as the house) and significantly enhances the conservation area in which it sits by virtue of its diversity, the wildlife it supports and the way it softens the impact of surrounding buildings.</p> <p>Copper beeches of this type are fairly rare in the area and indeed more generally and it would be a tremendous loss to allow this tree to be removed. This is particularly so given that other trees have recently been removed from the grounds of La Saint Union School on the grounds of safety and losing a further tree of this significance would be an enormous blow to the local community, ecosystems and environment. Its removal would also add to noise locally as the trees deaden the sound of traffic and the local school. They are also a defining feature of the neighbourhood.</p> <p>The new owners were aware of the existence of the tree when they bought the property so if they objected to its presence, they should not have proceeded with the purchase.</p> <p>I would have no objection to a professional thinning of the tree and indeed planning permission for this (and removing the crown) has been granted several times in the past. This would seem to be a much better option, preserving and enhancing the tree and safeguarding its positive contribution to the environment.</p>

2023/3639/T	Anna Lovell	07/09/2023 16:50:14	INT	<p>This is an absolutely beautiful old tree which provides shade and greatly improves the outlook from the back of our house. The sight of this tree is a source of great pleasure, masking the sight of buildings. It contributes towards the key defining feature of the conservation area which is a feeling of being surrounded by greenery and nature. I would be extremely upset if this tree was felled, particularly at a time when we need to nurture, support and expand our natural environment.</p> <p>This is a tree where birds nest and its presence supports a variety of wildlife in the nearby vicinity. It provides much needed additional shade in the heat of the summer, cooling the nearby environment and reducing the carbon footprint of the local area.</p> <p>It acts as an important sound barrier, close to the road, muting the sound of traffic and voices and noise from LSU school.</p> <p>The tree complements the leafy conservation area in which it stands, and its copper leaves provide visual interest when contrasted with the other trees nearby. It is a large mature tree which would take decades to replace.</p> <p>Please don't let this lovely tree be felled!</p>
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