

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2023/3718/T	Louise Lewis	15/09/2023 14:24:40	OBJ	<p>On principle, we are against the felling of trees.</p> <p>Highgate Neighbourhood Plan Policy OS2: Protection of Trees and Mature Vegetation</p> <p>II. Within the conservation areas or when protected by a TPO, specimen, veteran and mature trees and mature vegetation, which have townscape, ecological or amenity value should be retained where possible. If such a loss is shown to be absolutely necessary, new development will be expected to submit proposals for suitable replacements, like for like replacement being supported where appropriate and feasible.</p> <p>Although the photos suggest the tree is diseased, there is no suggestion of a more positive form of management.</p> <p>DEFRA guidance on ash trees, is to retain as many of them as possible, in the hopes of finding chalara resistant strains.</p> <p>It may be noted that several mature trees have been felled in this area in the last few years, notably on the Haversham Place Estate. Nevertheless, there are few groups of mature trees that provide not only Ahabitat, but stepping stones, for wildlife. This mature tree is part of one of them.</p> <p>If the tree is to be cut down, a suitable replacement tree should be planted.</p> <p>Louise Lewis</p> <p>Highgate Neighbourhood Forum</p>
