

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2023/4151/T	M Shiu	30/10/2023 21:24:30	OBJ	<p>I am very surprised and concerned that this application has been made in light of the fact that the original planning application provided for tree protection in respect of these trees.</p> <p>No explanation has been provided for the removal of the trees given this previous representation and that the trees are located at a far corner of the site away from the construction of the new dwelling.</p> <p>The proposal now is to fell to ground level and grind out stumps, even though the trees are perfectly healthy. The trees provide shelter for wildlife and screening. Their removal is unwarranted, especially in a conservation area. I therefore object to this application.</p>
2023/4151/T	margaret caselton	30/10/2023 12:20:19	OBJ	<p>Planning application 2023/4151/T:</p> <p>The felling of 2 mature Leyland Cypresses (T7 and T8) would adversely affect my direct outlook and privacy; the rich biodiversity of the area; remove the benefit of shade and protection these trees offer in hot weather and also affect the intrinsic character of this conservation area</p> <p>OUTLOOK, PRIVACY and SCREENING: As I only have windows at the rear of Ormonde Court this beautiful and varied treescape is my one view. The removal of two 12m evergreen cypresses (T7 and T8) would create a noticeable gap and a considerable loss of screening and privacy which the treescape currently offers particularly during the winter months when they remain evergreen.</p> <p>BIODIVERSITY: This tranquil area has remained undisturbed for many years and supports a variety of wildlife, flora and fauna. The trees form a natural corridor for many species of birds including Song Thrush. It is essential that this tree presence is retained for corridor continuity. The Woodland Trust states that the dense foliage of Leyland cypress provides shelter for small mammals in urban areas and that birds often nest in it. This application does not give any reason for the felling of these trees and neither does it mention plans to replace them. I understood that any planning should require no net loss of nature and for there to be an actual ecological net gain.</p> <p>CLIMATE CHANGE/ HOT SUMMERS:</p> <p>Consideration should be given to the benefits that these tall, mature trees provide during our now hot summers. They provide cooling and shade which is critical to the survival of wildlife. Natural habitats should be preserved where possible and overall species need to be protected. Once removed they cannot be easily replaced or compensated for – and at present there are absolutely no plans for replacement.</p> <p>CHARACTER OF CONSERVATION AREA:</p> <p>Belsize Park is well known for its greenery - its tree lined streets, gardens and areas of woodland – it is one of its many attributes. Also trees improve the quality of the air releasing oxygen and any loss of trees will have a detrimental impact on the environment and should be avoided where possible.</p> <p>N.B. I wish to note that I did not make an objection to the original application 2022/3470/P even though some trees and wildlife would be affected as I thought the owners had shown consideration and kept removals to a minimum. However, even though the arboricultural survey specifically stated that these trees (T7 and T8) would be kept and pointed out that they do not interfere or encroach on the planned construction area and provided shelter to the adjacent Cotton Willow tree they now wish to fell them without any reason being given.</p>

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2023/4151/T	Irina Mourina	30/10/2023 20:57:00	COMMNT	I have been living in the area since 1999 and I think it's a shame that healthy mature trees are being removed. The NW3 area has been referred to as "leafy" in the Guardian and I am against the removal of trees (including these particular trees).
