

**Re: Planning Application 2024/0563/T , 172 Goldhurst Terrace NW6 3HN Comments/Objection**

Rear Garden: 1 x Plum (T1) - Fell to ground level. 1 x Lime (T2) - Reduce height by 7m down to main fork.  
1 x Lime (T3) - Reduce height by 7m to match the final height of T2.

These annotated pictures support and supplement the Comments (for T2 & T3) and Objection (for T1) already submitted on the 28<sup>th</sup> February via the text-only comments facility on the case website. Please can this also be uploaded there to accompany the earlier detailed comments/objections?

**Picture 1**

Overview of garden scene showing T1 (Plum, purple leaf) on the left in the foreground and T2 and T3 (Lime) at the rear of garden on left and right respectively, taken in late-February 2024). It can be observed that:

1) The T1 Plum is in magnificent full blossom and apparently in good health

2) Behind T2 and T3 in the adjoining garden to the rear (14 Aberdare Gardens) there are three further Lime trees across the width of the rear boundary that are significantly shorter than T2 and T3 because they have been recently crown/height reduced (see [Planning Application 2023/1323/T](#))

Please can T2 and T3 be reduced to no lower than the height of those three Lime trees in the adjoining garden? This may be less than the stated/proposed/estimated 7m reduction in height for T3, and for T2 (which is in any case somewhat shorter than T3). Purpose: to preserve the important characteristic described in the South Hampstead Conservation Area Appraisal document "5.24 The general canopy/tree character of the conservation area is largely formed of continuous bands of trees spanning rear gardens"





## Picture 2

Detailed view of T1 (Purple Leaf Plum – *Prunus Cerasifera* 'Nigra') in full blossom in mid-February 2024 in apparent good health. The felling of this is Objected-to. It should instead be given a modest crown reduction and preserved, with ivy removed from its trunk to avoid possible damage.





### Picture 3

View of T1 in full leaf on 22 April 2023 (on left), demonstrating its good health, visibility and positive contribution to the setting.

As per the guidance in the following paragraph of the Conservation Area Appraisal document, there are no valid grounds for its removal. It should instead be subject to modest crown reduction (to provide more light), and removal of climbing ivy from the lower trunk (to reduce risk of adverse effects of ivy on the host): “13.85 the Council will generally resist removal of trees unless dead/dying or dangerous causing damage to buildings or not considered to be of visual or wildlife importance. Unsympathetic pruning will also be resisted,”





Picture 4

Another view of T1 in full leaf on 11 April 2023, demonstrating its good health, visibility and positive contribution



E. Peel , 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, NW6 3HN