

**From:** Skout Design

**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 1:23 PM

**To:** Planning; Blythe Smith

**Cc:** Gary Bakall; Highgate Society

**Subject:** 2024/1043/T [same applicants as 2023/5407/P 2023/5037/P]

Dear Blythe Smith,

I reside in the same building as Andrew Thornton and Eudora Pascall, in Flat 3 on the First Floor. All of my south facing windows & terrace look out over the stretch of gardens to the back of Hampstead Lane, which is of considerable nature & beauty, due of the trees and green outlook preserved by laws protecting this conservation area.

The planning application 2024/1043/T is to make space for a garden fence & garden office planning application no: 2023/5037/P

Eudora Pascall & Andrew Thornton have recently cut down and damaged a large section of a pear tree, as well as a few other trees that belong to our neighbour Jan that reside in her garden. prior to applying for planning permission 2024/1043/T. On March 13th myself and other neighbours heard a chainsaw in the garden, & when looked saw 2 men with this chainsaw cutting down a large section [a huge branch at least 3-4 meters in length] of this very old pear tree that belongs to Janice in flat b. The men said Eudora Pascall & Andrew Thornton had permission from Jan, however I called Jan and she told me this was a lie. They also did this without planning permission in a conservation area which is an offence according to Camden Council. Fortunately myself & neighbours at No25 informed them politely that this was not allowed just before they were about to cut down the main trunk, which is what they said Eudora Pascall & Andrew Thornton had instructed them to do.

The application also says they want to cut the right arm of the pear tree, but this is the part they already cut away on March 13th before applying for planning permission on March 15th. The remaining part they want to cut to make space for a fence is the main trunk of the tree, & if this application is granted the whole pear tree will cease to exist with only its stump remaining. This would be a travesty.

This tree also has 2 birds nests, and is a beautiful tree with luscious green leaves that contribute to the naturalistic outlook and green nature of the

garden. If this permission is granted the whole tree will be cut down as the section they intend to chainsaw is actually the main trunk and not the 'right arm' they claim in this misleading application. This pear tree is a wonderfully attractive tree which spans around 6-7 meters in width & around 6 metres in height, which will be gone forever if planning permission granted. It's worth mentioning that the pics in the application are not of the pear tree. The pear tree is huge, green, beautiful & healthy, and if seen would no doubt change anyones opinion on this matter.

It may be beneficial for a planning officer to visit the site to see the pear tree so it can be understood that this planning application is extremely inaccurate, and most certainly misleading to anyone reading it. This tree is beautiful and should not be cut down under any circumstance, especially not to make room for a small section of fence that serves no purpose. This would only cause further upset to everyone living in the apartments at 23 Hampstead lane, Jan who owns the pear tree, neighbours on each side at no 21, 25, and all others who share this beautiful stretch of garden outlook on leafy Hampstead Lane.

Thanks for your time on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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