

From: Pleasant View
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 1:15 PM
To: Planning; Blythe Smith
Subject: 2023/5407/P 2023/5037/P 2024/1043/T

Dear Blythe Smith and Camden Council,

I am writing to inform you of some recent activities at 23 Hampstead Lane which have taken place to accommodate room for a boundary fence & proposed garden office.

Eudora Pascall & Andrew Thornton prior to applying for any planning permission have recently cut down and removed a substantial portion of the Pear tree that belongs to Jan Bowmer & sits in her garden, which overhangs across Eudora Pascall & Andrew Thornton's garden border, however it does not pose any danger and is not intrusive in any way. These trees as stated by Camden Council are protected by laws to safeguard trees within this conservation area.

Johnson Ayieiowu from Camden planning department has confirmed on 13/3/24 that no application was filed for permission to prune, fell or damage any tree at 23 Hampstead Lane before this violation took place.

Photos and videos of the tree being chainsawed by two men were provided to Planning Assistant Rav Curry on March 13th, & can be resubmitted as evidence if necessary. Again to emphasise this took place before any planning application had been made or granted.

Eudora Pascall & Andrew Thornton were informed via email on March 13th that Highgate Village / Hampstead Lane falls within a conservation area. Camden Council and the Woodland Trust state; it is an offence to prune, fell or damage a tree without giving notice, and that those who carry out work without permission on a tree in a conservation area may be fined up to £20,000. They then filed for planning on on March 15th after already cutting down effectively half of this pear tree.

Rav Curry set-up the investigation via the Enforcement Department under the reference number EN24/0191 on March 15th. Since then Eudora Pascall & Andrew Thornton have on March 21st cut down 3 more trees that reside in Jan Bowmers Garden, and also left the large logs and cuttings in Jan's garden. Photo evidence of this has been submitted to Rav Curry on March 22nd to add to the case file for investigation EN24/0191.

We strongly implore that this planning application is rejected for the conservation and biodiversity of this protected area, and also recommend a fine is produced for the repeat violation that has already taken place under the laws in place to safeguard trees within this conservation area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Pleasantview Property Management