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Re: Comments on Planning Application 2024/2174/T

Dear Camden Council,

I am writing to comment on the proposal, as currently submitted, for work on the trees in the property of Flat 1, Kenmore Court.

Firstly, I believe the application should clarify why works need to be done? Whilst I understand that that an obstruction to pedestrians in Acol Road might arise if unchecked, the amount of pruning does not need to be so drastic as it can be restricted to the lower branches.

The application states that the trees will be 'reduced back no further than previous points of reduction.'. This is a bit vague with respect to what work is meant to be carried out and jeopardises to detriment trees currently under a protection order. I am highlighting this because the last application granted in that area, 2023/2011/T, greatly reduced another lime tree back to what is effectively now a stump.

Please see attached pictures below. The top picture are the lime trees in question and the bottom picture is the result of a similar planning application 2023/2011/T on an adjacent lime tree – which frankly looks terrible and not sure the tree will recover. I do not wish the same effect to arise on the lime trees for this application.

The lime trees are a valuable amenity, providing welcome greenery and habitat for the local fauna of West Hampstead and the conservation area. They offer an attractive view and a cool shade to the residents of the area and adjacent flat owners, especially as summers get hotter and hotter.

I am not here to tell the tree surgeon how to do their job but would appreciate a sensible reduction of as to maintain the tree looking like a tree, with branches and leaves, not a stump.

Lastly, if Flat 1 is not the owner of the tree, then can they legally perform work on this tree? I noticed it was marked as not the owner on the application. Depending on what the lease says then permission might need to be granted from the freeholder. It is not clear to me from the application that this was given.

Kind regards,
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