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To: Tom Little

Subject: 2024/2982/T and 2024/2193/T 10 The Grove London N6 6LB

Dear Tom,

When I went to see what was proposed, I found the impact on Fitzroy Park wasn't anything like as bad as I had feared, but the works to the front garden would have a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of The Grove. I cannot download pictures onto the website but here is the comment I would like to make on behalf of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum. Perhaps you could post it for me

Thanks a lot

Louise (Lewis)

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REAR GARDEN: 1 x Bay Laurel (Laurus) (T1) - Crown reduce by 3m - 4m back from adjacent property.

1 x Cherry Plum (Prunus) (T2) - Fell to ground level.

1 x Ash (Fraxinus) (T9) - Crown reduce 2m.

1 x Acer (T10) - Lift to 3m above the road and prune back to kerb line. 1 x Yew (T12) - Lift to 3m above the road and prune back to kerb line.

FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Bay Laurel (Laurus) (T3) - Fell to ground level.

1 x Laburnum (T4) - Crown reduce by 1m.

Group of self-set Ash (Fraxinus) (G1) - Reduce by 1m.

SIDE GARDEN: 1 x Ash (Fraxinus) (T5) - Fell to ground level.

1 x Ash (Fraxinus) (T6) - Fell to ground level.

1 x Horse Chestnut (Aesculus) (T7) - Crown reduce by 1m.

1 x Ash (Fraxinus) (T8) - Crown reduce 2m.

Group of self-set Ash (Fraxinus) (G2) - Fell to ground level.

It is evident that the applicant would like to manage the trees responsibly and in general, we have no objection to this application with one major exception; the felling of the Bay Laurel.

In our experience a Bay Laurel growing close to a structure has little or no effect; witness the Bay Laurels growing at the front of Cromwell House, a grade I listed structure. Removing the tree would have a significant impact on the visual amenity of the area, particularly as at least one of the large, old trees has fallen and the replacement is still very young.

The effect of the lack of trees and vegetation to the front of the houses, can clearly be seen at numbers 12 and 13.

We might hope that the gap left by felling T5 and T6 will be quickly filled by the adjacent trees but we would like the Tree Officer to assess the suitability of planting replacement trees.

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(TPO REF: C7-T29) REAR GARDEN: 1 x Holly (T11) - Lift to 3m above the road and prune back to kerblin.

Three metres above the road seems excessive and would spoil the form of the tree.