

Dear Alex,

re: 2013/4810/T Ginkgo Tree 9 a Gainsborough Gardens

I'm aware this is beyond the consultation time, but this Notice of Intent has not yet been replied to on Camden's website.

This particular ginkgo tree as you know stands in the way of development but is a stunning example of its species and in a very important position in the road.

I am concerned that if full permission is given to do the work (Reduce height by 2-3 metres and side branch radial spread by 1-2 meters to leave a crown radial spread of approximately 2.5-3.5m) then slightly more than the upper limit of this will be done. Even what is proposed in terms of height and remaining crown radial spread will reduce it too much and ruin the look of this fabulous tree.

If you agree to any work, could I request that you place a firm limit on what is allowed. I can see no reason to reduce its height - it is not blocking anything or anyone's light - and it has never got so close to the house that it touches the guttering. A reduction of 1 metre of side branch radial spread should be enough. To reduce the crown radial spread to 3.5 metres is far too small and would damage the contribution of this tree to local treescape/ amenity.

Best wishes

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