



I receive a letter today about the above application for removal of trees at 12 Aberdare Gardens. I live at 14 Aberdare Gardens.

While there is a clear need for the limbs of the eucalyptus to be removed (it is leaning into my garden and causing a lot of disruption and damage) there appears to be no reason to completely remove the 6 Cypress trees at the back of the property.

The whole South Hampstead conservation area has a wealth of outstanding and doubtless very old trees. It is one of the reasons I believe that this is a conservation area. These trees run uninterrupted the length of the intersection of Aberdare Gardens and Goldhurst Terrace, and have an incredible ecosystem of natural wildlife within them - this is unbelievably rare in London and we should be doing all we can to preserve this. Removing the 6 Cypress trees would disrupt that, would be damaging to the environment of the conservation area and would destroy the character of the areas around.

Overall the trees in this garden need to be better managed, but that doesn't mean getting rid of beautiful and valuable tree life.

I would therefore strongly oppose any work to these trees that was not absolutely necessary.

If there is anything further I can do in this regard, please let me know.

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