

Planning application 2016/6179/T – Kenmore Court, Acol Road NW6  
Reduction by 2.5 metres of pear tree in rear garden

We wish to object to this application on a number of grounds, some of which we have already stated in more abbreviated terms.

1. This is a very attractive tree, especially when in blossom each spring. Reducing it by 2.5 metres would remove all leaf-bearing branches, and further diminish the amenity of an area from which 7 trees have been removed since 1999 (please see the ‘Constraints’ recorded in relation to the application).
2. The tree constitutes an amenity benefiting all residents of Kenmore Court. This is a block of 16 flats, all with an aspect facing the tree (the applicant is not a resident). For residents of the upper floors, the tree serves to screen an unattractive view of the car park serving Sidney Boyd Court.
3. Because of the angle from which they were taken, the photographs submitted with the application give a misleading impression of the size of the tree. The photograph below gives a more accurate impression.



4. So far as is known, the tree in no way interferes with or threatens the structure of any building.
5. Reduction of the tree was considered at the annual general meeting of Kenmore Court Freehold Limited, the owner of the block, on 17 September 2016. Tenants of 11 of the 16 flats participated in this meeting. It was agreed that the tree should be trimmed – that is to say that the branches should be reduced – by 25% (approximately one metre). We would not object to a reduction of this order.
6. Reduction by one metre should be sufficient to address any concern about loss of light caused by the tree, particularly if an elderflower bush adjacent to the tree were removed at the same time.

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