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2017/0779/T	Jim Beggs	10 Little Green Street London NW5 1BL	22/03/2017 14:42:45	OBJ	<p>Introduction: this is the second separate application for the felling of this tree, and includes only a sketch plan of the tree and an adjacent wall.</p> <p>The previous application, 2015/6850/T included before and after elevation drawings showing the wall being re-built half a metre higher than as existing, but was un-noted as such.</p> <p>Does this remain the intention, as a wall cuts out more light than a tree on a comparative area basis.</p> <p>Comments on 2017/0779/T</p> <p>During this application process the tree appears to have been left in an unstable and exposed condition - not an advertisement for those involved in its wellbeing or the monitors.</p> <p>The concern seems to revolve around three issues namely,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the continued well being of the tree</li> <li>2) the safety to persons and property in the vicinity of the tree, and</li> <li>3) the loss of light to the back of nearby properties in Twisden Road.</li> </ol> <p>The continued well being of the tree. The current state of the area does little to support the notion that anyone with an interest in this aspect of the Ash has it's wellbeing as their main concern</p> <p>Secondly, as a result the tree may be vulnerable to damage including loss of limbs through negligence. Vulnerability to Southerly winds has been cited as a risk. As the root bole is presumably in it's fullest diameter to the north the tree therefore offers its greatest resistance to winds from the south. In London, winds from the north are both much less frequent and severe, therefore, subject to it's present condition, this is a relatively small risk.</p> <p>Finally, Loss of light.</p> <p>The tree is overlooked from the rear of a few buildings in Twisden Road. As in all buildings of this style and period, the rooms to the back were originally bedrooms other than the main bedroom, usually including windows to stairs and bathrooms. In my opinion, loss of a clear sky aspect here, is by far outweighed by the need to respect the requirements of the TPO. From these houses, and in the same alignment to the Ash, lies beyond at College Lane another larger tree - is this the next to be removed? further west, the attractive low evening sunlight in blocked from these back rooms by Haddo House.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Comply with the requirements of the TPO through a wall construction which allows the roots to develop to the south, by a simple bridging detail. Guy the tree if deemed to be unstable or at risk. Look after it and allow the public to enjoy these urban townscapes and nature wherever possible, through a determined effort to apply ingenuity for the common good. A TPO is the response to risk. Please comply.</p>

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					There are other discrepancies in the application including the incorrectly numbered item 2.5.2 (2.5.3?) "...as the wall is continued to be built..." and item 5 - this is work within a conservation area - Dartmouth Park .  REFUSE

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