

Camden Square Conservation Area Advisory Committee

244 Camden Road
London NW1

Date: 10 August

Planning application Reference: 2017/4037/T

Proposal: To fell five trees

Summary: As it stands, the proposal will adversely impact on the character of the neighbourhood, privacy and levels of sound and light pollution and should be rejected

Comments:

1. The redacted application provides absolutely no information regarding the trees to be felled other than their species and respective positions in the garden. Although they may not to date have attracted TPOs, that they are situated within the Camden Square Conservation Area, are more than 7.5 cm in diameter and greater than 1.5 m in height suggest two things. First, they might be eligible for TPOs and second that at the very least an explanation should be given as to why the trees need to be felled. The absence of the latter is a matter of concern. If the developer wishes to remove the trees to make way for a building, then we are looking at a significant loss of green space – something of concern highlighted in the Appraisal and Management Strategy.
2. One of the features of the Conservation Area, again highlighted in the Appraisal and Management Strategy, is the view of trees down back gardens. This is the case with 244 where the trees can be seen from Camden Road and Cantelowes Road.
3. The trees also provide neighbours in this densely knit urban environment, particularly those in Camden Mews, with
 - a. a degree of cover and privacy
 - b. a barrier to the sound and light pollution from Camden Road
4. With the limited information available, it is most unlikely that the felling of the trees will enhance the conservation area and the application should therefore be rejected.

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Signed:
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Date: 14 August 2017

