

Eton

Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Advice from Eton Conservation Area Advisory Committee: 25.07.2017

Re 16 Eton Villas: 2017/ 3738 / T

This is an application to fell two mature plane trees in the front garden of a recently refurbished listed house in Eton Villas which is in the heart of the Eton Conservation Area. According to the application the grounds for doing so relate mainly to *"...to allow rebuilding of listed front wall that was demolished for safety"* The application also notes that *"the owners are also concerned with potential problems to drains, survey attached"*.

The Eton Conservation Area Statement makes frequent reference to the contribution made by street trees to the nature of the Conservation Area. and under "Guidelines" section ET40 states *"All trees which contribute to the character or appearance of the Conservation Area should be retained and protected."*

The necessity to fell two mature trees which make such an outstanding contribution to the street scene of this part of Eton Villas (North) in order to rebuild a listed front wall is perverse. The wall should be rebuilt to accommodate the trees, not the other way round.

The concern of potential problems with drains is noted but this should be addressed in a way that seeks to protect and retain the trees, as required by the Guidelines in the Conservation Area Statement.

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