

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2018/6292/T	Eleanor Engle	04/01/2019 11:20:07	OBJEMAIL	<p>I write on on behalf of 7 flat owners at 33 Hampstead Hill Gardens (am a Director of 33 Hampstead Hill Gardens Ltd). Number 33 faces and overlooks the back garden of 3 Pond street. The purple leaf plum tree is an important tree that provides foliage, and blossom in the spring, to Hampstead Hill Gardens as a street and provides green views from Flat windows at Number 33. It also screens the garden: it gives us privacy from our neighbours and it gives privacy to the occupiers of 3 Pond Street when they make use of their garden. The windows of Flat 3 Hampstead Hill Gardens look directly into the garden. It does not seem in their interest to fell it.</p> <p>We can see from the photographs included in the application that the tree is leaning at an unusual angle but the important question is, is it doing any harm to the white wall bounding the garden? The application does not state this and the wall is intact.</p> <p>Chopping the plum tree down will leave a big gap - it is a tall, wide tree, and we were relying on this tree as a screen to hide the new building No 3 is planning to erect very nearby next to the house in their garden. Indeed, it was the presence of this tree and other greenery that meant we did not object to the building proposal: we thought it would be hidden. It seems that the new owners may not be concerned to conserve their back garden as a priority. There is no mention made of planting any new tree to replace the plum tree. We thought it was compulsory to replace trees that were felled in a conservation area.</p> <p>If there is no good practical reason to fell the tree, we feel permission should be refused. Trees are too precious to fell just because they are not a standard shape. It would take years to grow another tree to that size,</p> <p>Finally, we suspect the new owners have not seen this tree in leaf or blossom - they may not realise what a beautiful tree it is, for their own benefit and the rest of the street.</p>

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