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I wanted to object before but was away I'm afraid. I have three points to make:-

Firstly, the new design proposed by Mr. Leahy's garden designer does not take in to account the wildlife corridor that currently exists. All the trees and shrubs they propose to remove currently provides nesting for garden birds, food for pollinating insects which intern provide food for the bats in Christchurch. Essentially we need more wildlife corridors in London and destroying what is home to many fledglings and insects in our current climate where the environment/climate change/biodiversity is top of the agenda seems madness.

It is also against the law in the UK to remove/strim/chop hedges during the bird nesting season which as you know is February to early September.

Secondly, we have a very serious pollution problem in Hampstead Village especially twice a day outside Christchurch Primary School. The shrubs and trees are effective absorbers of carbon dioxide and are the lungs of that particular corner (Cannon Lane/Christchurch Hill). For the new owners, the current trees and shrubs will also act as an effective sound barrier to the school and the school traffic.

Thirdly, this particular corner of Hampstead from an artistic point of view is much cherished by painters and photographers. It has been used for films and television. The overhanging shrubs and trees add to Hampstead's character. The proposed design is great for St. John's Wood but not for Hampstead Village. We should be gardening and designing with nature in mind not the opposite way around.

We feel passionately about this particular application as far too many trees and shrubs in Hampstead particularly in the Village are being unnecessarily felled. Hopefully you will consider the above points and maybe the new owner will understand that without nature and wildlife us Hampstead residents are nothing!

Once again apologies for delay in opposing this application.

Yours sincerely,

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