

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2019/5042/T	Howard Ricklow	18/10/2019 18:24:48	INT	<p>I write in connection with the above application notifying intended works to the beech tree in the front garden. I am the owner of Flat A, 87 Fitzjohn's Avenue which includes the front garden of 87 Fitzjohn's Avenue. I have owned, and lived, at 87A Fitzjohn's Avenue since 2001. The property is within a conservation area.</p> <p>I have examined the application. I wish to object to the works as proposed in the application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reference to Ownership I do not accept that I am the sole owner of the tree. The tree stands on the boundary of 85 and 87 Fitzjohn's Avenue. In previous Planning Application 2011/0217/T the owners of 85 Fitzjohn's Avenue claimed sole ownership of the tree. 2. Reference to Plan The plan which accompanies the application is inaccurate. The tree stands on the boundary of 85 and 87 Fitzjohn's Avenue and does not stand, as is indicated on the plan, solely in the demise of 87 Fitzjohn's Avenue. 3. Reference to description of proposed works The description of proposed works as set out in the current planning application is vague does not clearly specify the works and the works as set out in the proposed application are potentially harmful to the tree. Further, apart from the plan not being accurate, the plan is crude and does not appear to have been prepared by a qualified arboriculturist. I believe that the description does not meet the requirements of sound arboriculture. <p>The tree stands in a conservation area. In 2011, Camden Council recognised that the tree provides a high level of visual amenity within the street scope and makes a positive contribution to the character of this part of the conservation zone. It is my considered opinion that the intended works will not only damage the tree, it will compromise the tree's natural shape and therefore be harmful to the visual amenity the tree provides and to the character of this part of the conservation area.</p> <p>I would, without prejudice to these comments, consider supporting a proposal for works if the application was supported by a detailed plan of works prepared by a qualified arboriculturist, ensuring that any works do not damage the tree and are not harmful to the natural shape of the tree nor compromise it.</p>