

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2019/4731/T	Diana Ratzler	29/10/2019 13:30:16	OBJ	<p>These Lombardy poplars are magnificent trees. They have quite rightly been recognized as such by being on the list of 'Veteran trees and Locally important trees' in the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan. The planning application has not been made because the trees are diseased or causing subsidence etc.: the proposed work is to general shape and tidy up the trees to reduce their size in relation to the two buildings, and to seek a minimum clearance.</p> <p>However these trees were subjected to a similar radical and rather ugly pruning in 2015 (see the photographs in the letter from Vicki Harding objecting to the application) which sadly reduced their magnificence. As they stand now they do not cause any significant detriment to the house by the way of blockage of light etc, and they obviously enhance the general surroundings. A similar approach now to that of 2015 would result in the trees being considerably further reduced in their beneficial impact on the streetscape.</p> <p>Camden has an obligation to uphold the status of the Conservation Area, trees subject to a Preservation Order and the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan: I urge that this planning application be refused.</p>
