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2019/6011/T	Tim Salmon	19/12/2019 11:22:29	OBJ	<p>Particularly given the pressing urgency of combatting climate change these days and the crucial role trees play in the process, I can see absolutely no justification for felling the lime tree in the communal garden of Gilling and Holmefield Courts. It is a perfectly healthy and well-formed mature lime. It is not obviously causing any sort of subsidence. It is not so close to the building that its branches are pushing against anybody's windows. It is the only "proper" tree in the garden. It is an ornament, not a pest, and should be cherished as such. A magnolia is a shrub, by no means a suitable replacement for a lime. And how come, when this is a communal garden, the residents of Holmefield Court were not notified of this application?</p>
2019/6011/T	Jill Tyrrell	20/12/2019 08:39:43	INT	<p>Planning application 2019/6011/T</p> <p>I am very disappointed to see this application to fell a healthy, majestic, mature lime tree. It takes many many years for a tree to grow to its mature height and only about ten minutes to remove it. Mature trees help with pollution in cities and we need to protect as many as we can in London, and plant more. The application only states that a shrub will replace this tree.</p> <p>The application doesn't give any reason for the tree to be felled. When I contacted Camden Planning Department on 5/12/19 I was told that the pathway was uneven. Yes. it is, and the reason is probably because remedial work was done on that section of the building in 2007/08 and the path has settled. It slopes away from the building thus letting the rain run away from the building – a good thing. An uneven path is no reason to fell a tree.</p> <p>I also asked about notifying interested parties about the application and was told that letters had been sent to residents in Howitt Road. These residents can only see the very top of the tree because the rear section of Gilling Court is in between. To see the tree from the road, Belsize Grove, you need to look through the gap between Gilling Court and Holmefield Court. No notifications have been sent to residents of Gilling Court or Holmefield Court and no notices were put up in the street and on the tree until I contacted Camden Planning Dept twice. As most of the flats in Gilling Court are sublet it is unlikely that residents there would be looking out for planning applications of this kind unless given clear notification so would be unlikely to comment even if they feel strongly about protecting trees.</p> <p>There is also the question of a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) for this tree which was proposed in 2007/08 (C636) which apparently was not confirmed and Camden cannot provide any information as to why the TPO was not confirmed.</p> <p>Last year two mature lime trees were felled at the front of Gilling Court. A large multi-stem lime tree was felled on the instructions of the insurers because of subsidence. The second lime tree was healthy and causing no problems but this was also felled.</p> <p>In view of the above I hope this planning application will be refused, and also that Camden will review its notification procedures in future..</p>

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