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2019/6192/T	Elizabeth Gordon	08/01/2020 22:13:05	SUPPRT	I absolutely and strongly support the application to fell these overgrown leylandii trees on the basis that the banks and borders will then be restored and more suitable trees will be planted. The details in the Holly Lodge Estate application are very clear and my reasons for supporting the application are primarily as follows: The trees, which cannot be trimmed, have grown at an alarming rate over the past few years and the north facing flats now have very little natural light through their windows. There are fears regarding the stability of the leylandii. The surrounding area is very dark and intimidating at night. Some residents do not feel secure. The pathways and steps are in a permanently disgusting state because of the tree debris and bird droppings. The Holly Lodge Estate staff clean the area regularly but the debris returns within a few days. The banks under the trees are scruffy and unpleasant. Nothing will grow because these huge trees absorb all the resources of light and moisture. The drains, the paths and the roadway have been subject to damage and subsidence.
2019/6192/T	Claudia	08/01/2020 11:15:04	SUPPRT	The trees are out of control, the surrounding areas underneath are dead and the area has such a dark and gloomy feel to it. I don't support tree removals in general but it would be great to see native deciduous growing instead of the Leylandii. The people living in the mansions and are directly affected by the trees should have a say in this matter.
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2019/6192/T	Elizabeth Molte-Hansen	07/01/2020 15:33:45	SUPPRT	As owners of a flat in a block immediately adjacent to these trees, we very strongly support the application to fell them and replace them with more appropriate alternatives. The trees were planted in this inappropriate location before the full nature of leylandii trees was widely understood and they are now completely overgrown. They should not have been planted in the first place and we certainly believe that it was a mistake to make them the subject of a TPO. The roots have now caused considerable damage to the estate drains and have caused the roadway to subside. As owners/residents, we are concerned that the rapid growth of these trees will cause further structural damage if they are not replaced. The area around the base of the trees spoils our quality of life. There is a permanent mess produced from tree debris and pigeon droppings; the paths and steps are always slippery and filthy, despite frequent attention from Estate staff. Nothing will grow within the vicinity because these enormous trees absorb all the available moisture and light. There are security fears among residents at night because of the dark areas and these are sometimes used for anti-social behaviour. Perhaps most important to us is the detrimental effect on the north facing flats. The windows of these dwellings are now almost completely obscured by the foliage which is getting ever closer. It is completely wrong to suggest that this makes a welcome screen and we are very lucky to have many other trees nearby to help improve air quality. The surrounding buildings are exceptionally attractive. It will be a great relief to the residents if this problem is removed and they can enjoy daylight in their homes once again.
2019/6192/T	Andrey Butin	08/01/2020 09:27:25	COMMNT	We are totally against the removal of the trees. This will simply make the street look ugly!

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| 2019/6192/T | Yuri Makarov | 07/01/2020 17:49:08 | OBJ | I object to felling of these trees for environmental reasons, explained earlier with regard to this application. Saying that these tress are responsible for damaging roads and footpaths is far from being true, as even after a recent re-surfacing on the Estate there are many cracks in the areas where there are no trees. This is down to either slope movements or poor quality of re-surfacing. Tried to include supporting photos but did not succeed.
Replacing sounds very nice but look what grows in the spot of the one Leiland Cypress that was chopped down two years ago ¿ nothing. And nothing will grow unless the slope is completely re-excavated, filled with new soil and re-planted with mature trees. But this will cost tens of thousands. |

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The 4x trees continue to grow in height by aprox 1M per annum accompanied by increased spread. The height now exceeds that of the close mansion block.

The east most tree (standing alone) seems particularly vulnerable in high winds. It can be seen swinging alarmingly in high winds and it is my opinion there is genuine risk to (at least) this tree falling on cars, buildings or people. Please be aware that Leyland Cypress have a shallow root system without the deep "tap root" associated with many trees which acts as an anchor. The root sytem is further compromised by the steep land aspect and cloe by path and road.

I would strongly recommend at least the east most tree be felled and a replacements sought. Moving forward, as the new trees mature, the other three Leyland Cypress might be replaced. Apart from for safety reasons, careful planting of new trees will greatly enhance the conservation area.

If a decision to remove one or all the four trees is taken, I suggest a ground specialist is sought to determine any subsidance/heave impact on the adjacent road in particular as the roots gradually rot away and water extraction rates are altered.