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2020/1467/T	Jonathan Byatt	30/03/2020 14:46:32	SUPC	<p>Can the owner developer please co-ordinate with Camden gardening contractors to recycle any flora or fauna impacted by this significant change. Early Warning to Camden of the timetable of works will enable the contractors engaged by Camden to remove the plants at an agreed time and reinstall these to improve the quality of life and reduce pollution on other Camden Estates or parks. In this example the owner plans to remove and destroy two healthy lime trees because they produce sticky sap and the tree trunk is unsightly. Yey with coordination these could be recycled and retained adding to the Camden total of greenery in the borough. Camden is looking to celebrate its 100th anniversary by planting 100 trees across estates and the parks. If agreed with the owner, the contractors working for Camden could remove these trees at little or no cost and replant them in healthy spaces to enrich the quality of life in Camden. To merely destroy these trees presupposes there is no value in their reuse. This is plainly untrue and Camden targets of achieving carbon neutrality would be benefited by such an approach. The cost of such an operation would clearly be offset by the benefits.</p>

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2020/1467/T	Janine Griffis	30/03/2020 12:30:17	OBJ	<p>The Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum objects to the proposed removal of three mature Lime trees in the Hampstead Conservation Area. These Limes are possibly 100 years old, perhaps planted when the boundary walls to the gardens here were built at the end of C19. Hampstead's trees are very important for many reasons and from HNP Policy NE2</p> <p>4.10 The main tree species that define our area include the taller Limes, London planes, oaks, willows, black and Lombardy poplars, beech, horse chestnut and Scots pine, most of which take several decades to reach maturity.</p> <p>The arboricultural report cites four reasons for felling these mature trees, three of them aesthetic or maintenance issues (honeydew, unsightly epicormic growth around the base of the trees and the need for regular pruning). These are characteristics common to most Limes and not strong justification for removing, otherwise, we would have no Lime trees in Hampstead (lindens so far are not threatened with destructive pests and diseases like horse chestnut, elm, ash, oak, box etc. so are especially precious as mature trees).</p> <p>The application states that there are plans to replace the trees with six others, but six small- to medium-sized trees will not reach a size equivalent to three mature Lime trees, even in 20-30 years. Other trees on the site have already been lost recently including a large sycamore (2020/0595/T), a mature horse chestnut (2018/5548/T), a Robinia (2018/5540/T) and a silver birch (2016/5775/T), with others further back in the 1990s. Removal of the horse chestnut, Robinia and sycamore have also resulted in substantial loss of habitat: many trunk and branch holes providing shelter/homes, leguminous and non-leguminous flowers, pollen, invertebrates and much seed.</p> <p>The fourth reason cited as justification for the felling is that the trees are pushing over a boundary wall; however, we cannot see from the application that this is the case or furthermore that the wall, when re-built, cannot accommodate future growth of the trees.</p> <p>The Limes will have been planted to do several jobs: helping with excess water in the area for a number of gardens around here as well as screening and pollution control which would have been very needed when they were planted as well as now.</p> <p>We have a photo, that we would be happy to forward, taken from Prince Arthur Road where it is clear that they are very visible through a very wide gap (the group are centre stage above the grey boarding to the left of the house). Not only are they visible from the road, but would also be visible for the people who live, visit and work in Henderson Court. Many hundreds of people will see and appreciate these trees every day.</p> <p>We urge Camden to refuse and place TPOs on all three lime trees.</p>