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Subject: Ref 2020/1728/T - re Intended felling 3 trees at 25 Elsworthy Road NW3 3BT

I would like to object to the application to fell 3 trees in garden of No25 Elsworthy Road.
The felling application is instigated by the residents at a one bedroom studio flat at Basement of No 11 Elsworthy Terrace whose garden backs onto No 25 Elsworthy Road garden and who have applied to build in the garden of No 11.

The felling of these 3 trees will change the Terrace in ways that the residents at No 11 Elsworthy Terrace basement flat won't be aware because they look out is on their garden so differently to the rest of the Terrace flats above basement level that look out onto the backs of Elsworthy Road buildings most especially the block of white houses Nos 27A & B & C and Nos 28 & 29 which will be in full view without the 3 trees.

Elsworthy Road houses will become a full on view for the whole Terrace.

One similar tree was felled 3 years ago by a resident at No 26 Elsworthy Road. I was the instigator of the application along with him. We took great care to study what the one tree's loss would do to the views from the Terrace and concluded nothing would change because trees existed in the sightline and the one tree was not between the Terrace and Elsworthy Road sightline. The 3 trees are right in the sightline to Elsworthy Road The resident at No 11 very much dislikes the ivy growing up the 3 lime trees in No 25 Elsworthy Road but it is possible to cut back ivy without felling a tree. Insects and birds lose their homes but the trees live on.

The application does not do anything to enhance our precious and peaceful Conservation Area.

The wall the trees are growing up against can be managed and it has not fallen down and may never. Obviously a newbuild that the No 11 residents have applied for would be much easier to build up against the wall of No 25 Elsworthy Road if the 3 trees were felled but I don't think that is a reason to fell the 3 trees.

A lovely old apple tree in No 11 garden was felled by the residents approximately a year ago. I miss the apple tree so much as I've said often to No 11 basement residents. I can't think how they got permission. It was so beautiful and we all enjoyed it. It was old yes but it was still precious. I would like to say I am sorry to be so against this application by my No 11 new neighbours and friends.