

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/3939/T	CRASH	08/09/2020 09:59:16	COMMNT	<p>I write on behalf of CRASH (the Combined Residents' Association of South Hampstead) to OBJECT to the application to fell the Ash tree in the front garden at 135 Goldhurst Terrace.</p> <p>Green landscapes are beneficial to the physical and mental health - especially the mental health - of the community. Ash is a native species, and hence supports a great deal of biodiversity. Ashes may be retained through pollarding without the need for the drastic action of felling. This section of Goldhurst Terrace is lined with trees - the removal of the Ash would create a "hole" in the landscape.</p> <p>The Applicant's tree report shows no conclusive evidence that any damage to the building has been caused by the roots of the Ash. It makes assumptions. The report calls for further evidence ("and would ask for a copy of the report to be sent over") but evidently no such copy was received.</p> <p>It notes the "very shallow" foundations of the building - so typical of properties in this part of South Hampstead - and suggests that this may be the cause of any damage to the building.</p> <p>The front boundary wall has obviously not been well-maintained. It can be re-built without the necessity of removing the Ash. A number of solutions to the problem of trees growing too close to boundary walls are available - examples may be seen all over the South Hampstead conservation area.</p> <p>CRASH urges the Council to refuse the application.</p>

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