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| 2020/3169/P | Helga Graham | 13/09/2020 12:16:39 | INT | <p>Lime tree removal supported</p> <p>As my other neighbours I entirely approve of the replacement of the wall between 11b and 11 Lyndhurst Road. However, IF the cause of this replacement - the actions of a gigantic lime tree between the residences- are not treated then this would amount, at the very least, to a considerable waste of tax payers money plus a potentially large danger to the environment.</p> <p>It is true that I am not immediately concerned in that the lime tree that endangers the wall and my neighbours property is not in my garden. However, it is only metres away and consequently only slightly less of a hazard for me as for them. If it were to slam into my very large (protected) oriental planes, the consequences would be unpredictable.</p> <p>The problem here is not one of aesthetics - replacing a handsome boundary wall by another handsome boundary wall. The problem is that the tree is and has been a danger for a long time. I will not repeat the really very significant instances cited by Jim and Christine McIlroy in relation to their property since they are well know to you. I would not like to contend with the potential hazards he and his wife face when the winds are high nor with the structural damage they have tabulated. Nor I think would your own personnel if they were to live in such difficult circumstances.</p> <p>This particular lime tree was endowed with a preservation order around two decades ago when we, the neighbours, voiced our misgivings about its potential effects. Surely it is time now to change policy. The tree is not safe.</p> <p>I can see that the Council might be concerned about costs. This is understandable and, on some level, we can all sympathise with what must be the enormous budgetary constraints that your department labours under. It is clear that to remove a tree of such gigantic size would be an unhappily expensive operation. But as a rate payer I am very aware of the costs that might be incurred though the destabilised roots of the lime tree and the destabilisation caused by the wall building operation - these might be huge, to put it very directly, huge both administratively and humanly. Can such risks really be countenanced?</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>Helga Graham (dr)</p> |

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| 2020/3169/P | J.MCILROY | 11/09/2020 18:06:18 | INT | <p>I live at the Coach House at 11b Lyndhurst Road and so I am directly affected by the Planning Application. This wall has been in a seriously distressed condition for a number of years and has been in danger of imminent collapse. It has been a threat to us and to the residents in the garden of no. 11. The deterioration of the wall is due to the root action of the gigantic Lime tree at no.11. While supporting the planning application I would urge you to fell the tree at the same time. The reasons for felling this tree are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The tree will inevitably cause future ongoing damage to the new wall. 2. The design and drawings provided by Whymark Moulton detail a deep and extensive excavation of soil to build the foundations of the new wall. This will inevitably damage the root base of the Lime tree thus rendering it unstable. This instability will be exacerbated by the presence of a basement cellar at no. 11 creating a large void near the base of the tree further restricting the roots. 3. The Lime tree is growing too close to the flank gable wall of the Coach House, about 6 feet, and towers over its roof being about 4 times the height of the roof. The structural stability of the Coach House has been jeopardised over the years by the close proximity of the tree. 4. My house Insurance Company, Liverpool Victoria (LV), and their subsidence specialists B.Maule&Co have evidence that the tree is causing subsidence to 11b. Monitoring studs were affixed to the flank gable wall around a vertical crack in October 2018. These were monitored on a regular basis for 12 months. This showed an opening and closing of the crack of 2 mm with closure taking place in winter time pointing to the tree being responsible for the movement. B.Maule&Co have exchanged much correspondence with the Council's Tree Department and with Simon Roberson, Insurance Manager, Treasury Insurance, Camden Council. Lack of response from the Tree Department resulted in a letter in August 2018 pointing to the matter being passed to solicitors. LV and B.Maule &Co are aware of the current planning application and are watching the situation closely. 5. All the neighbours want rid of the tree. 6. The tree towers over our roof and it is with trepidation in strong winds that we fear the tree collapsing or a branch dropping onto our roof, endangering life and limb. 7. The tree blocks out light all the year round, and in the summer blocks out direct sunlight into our bedroom window. 8.The falling debris from the tree dislodges slates which then have to be repaired. 9. The gutters of the house get filled with leaves. This has also happened at no. 11 recently causing water damage to all four flats. <p>I sum up the above by stating that I support the planning application but urge the Council to fell the gigantic lime tree.</p> |