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2020/4185/T	Teresa Poole	25/09/2020 09:52:01	OBJ	<p>This application from 16 Downside Crescent to fell a very large Ash tree in someone else's garden, 75 Lawn Road (the garden next to ours), seems to be being made in the context of an insurance claim. The applicant at 16 Downside Crescent has already obtained planning permission to demolish and rebuild the 1-storey rear extension to a different design to the current extension without mentioning any need to fell this tree.</p> <p>Trees of this stature are a feature of this conservation area and we object to the proposal to fell this one. It is already protected by a TPO for good reason. It is full of wildlife - it is a particular favourite of woodpeckers - and also provides good screening for privacy between the houses of Lawn Road and Downside Crescent.</p>
2020/4185/T	Elizabeth Hoddy	25/09/2020 09:34:23	OBJ	<p>This application should be refused as this tree provides a home for thousands of beneficial organisms above and below ground, and a haven for a multitude of wildlife, including some increasingly rare birds. Above all, it is part of an already endangered green corridor between the houses in Lawn Road and Downside Crescent.</p> <p>Ash trees in particular have been under threat in recent years due to the infestation of Ash die-back which killed many of them. It is vital that we preserve the remaining ones for future generations. In addition, this tree also provides important screening between the houses in these two roads.</p> <p>Trees make a huge contribution to our environment. They not only cool the air but also reduce pollution through photosynthesis. They use sunlight to synthesise nutrients from carbon dioxide and water and one of the by-products of this process is oxygen. Hence trees are vital for our well-being.</p> <p>Too many developments recently have asked to remove trees from these back gardens and this application should be resisted by Camden and this proposed felling should be refused.</p>

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2020/4185/T	Spencer Fung & Teresa Roviras	06/10/2020 11:51:32	OBJ	<p>We strongly object to the request to fell the large ash tree at the bottom of the garden belonging to 75 Lawn Road.</p> <p>This is a magnificent, mature tree. We should be saving trees such as this one, which is healthy and strong. Ash is now endangered, thanks to chalara dieback, and every effort needs to be put into protecting and nurturing trees that remain unaffected by this destructive disease.</p> <p>This ash forms part of the Belsize Park green corridor. Every mature tree contributes to improved air quality in an urban environment. Trees are an important habitat for birds, squirrels and a multitude of insect species, all important to the ecosystem. Wildlife flourished during lockdown and we need to encourage and improve on this.</p> <p>Furthermore the residents of no 75 would have a direct view onto our terrace and into our house from their balcony if this tree was removed.</p> <p>We believe the request is due to a resident's insurance firm, who claims that the ash's roots may have caused cracks in her property. However this is not confirmed in the report; it is one of several possibilities.</p> <p>Victorian buildings lack strong footings. Moreover this area is built on clay. Later extensions to original buildings need to be underpinned and properly supported to avoid cracks. Blaming mature trees, which are hard to replace, is wrong and not a long term solution.</p> <p>Also there are a number of mature trees on the property of the applicant that are not properly illustrated on the site plan. If roots are suspected to be causing a problem we wonder why these trees are not questioned first.</p> <p>The tree plan is inaccurate and misleading. The location of trees T6, T5, T3 are incorrectly placed on the site plan. The trees are further away from the applicant's garden than they appear on the plan. Also the plan illustrates a T4 tree which doesn't seem to exist. In addition, the plan omits some of the trees in the garden of 14 Downside Crescent.</p> <p>Finally we notice that this tree has a TPO. To consider it for felling makes a mockery of a system that should be protecting trees. Felling a tree is a backwards step and not how we should be behaving in this era of climate destruction and species extinction.</p>