

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/4752/T	Louise Lewis	23/10/2020 14:19:36	OBJ	<p>We would be grateful if The Tree Officer could visit this site which has been planted since before 1863 when the Ordnance Survey 25 inch map was surveyed. Indeed the Lime may date from that period as a tree is marked in that position on the map. The application shows no awareness of the historical context of the grounds. The walls and, indeed buildings, on the sites of Old Well House and Fitzroy Lodge have existed for centuries. The report is very limited in its scope. It even states that they have not researched the possibility of a TPO tree as the trees are all in a Conservation Area.</p> <p>All the back garden trees make a significant contribution to the visual amenity of the local area. They can clearly be seen across the reservoir from both Highgate West Hill and The Grove creating a pleasing skyline. The cherry tree is part of the fringing of The Spinney which, again, makes a pleasant prospect from Highgate West Hill and The Grove. (see photos attached to Application 2020/3067/P.</p> <p>T1, is a fine mature tree. Were it be reduced so drastically, it would be to the detriment of the street scene. T2 is presumably the Lime referenced in Lime TPO C7-T83. This tree appears to be marked on the Ordnance Survey 25 inch map published in 1869. It is a highly significant tree and to reduce it so drastically is inappropriate. It is stated that it was pruned 3-5 years ago. It is unclear why it needs to be reduced by so much when it has been reduced so recently. The Tree Officer might research the Planning History of the tree to consider whether this is appropriate management.</p> <p>T3, 4, and 5, seem less problematic, particularly as replacement planting is planned.</p> <p>The same cannot be said for T6, the cherry that appears to be T26 in application 2020/3067/P which is currently under consideration. There is no other cherry tree mentioned in that application. If it is the same tree, in the report for that application, while the tree was considered to be lacking in vigour, it was estimated that it had a life expectancy of 10 years. Now the tree is assessed as dead and overhanging the driveway. From the attached photograph, it can clearly be seen that the tree is neither overhanging the driveway, nor is it dead.</p> <p>This application appears to have taken no thought to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The historical context of the site • The significance of the trees • The impact the work would have on the visual amenity of the Conservation Area. <p>Once again we would ask the Tree Officer to visit the site, make an independent assessment of the situation, moderate the work in the rear garden and prevent the felling of the cherry tree.</p> <p>Louise Lewis Highgate Neighbourhood Forum</p>