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2020/4914/T	Hampstead CAAC	25/10/2020 22:30:49	COMMNT	<p>HCAAC Objects to the proposed felling of the front area robinia (false acacia) at the above, certainly without replacement by a sufficiently substantial replacement. That is if the tree is proven to be unstable or soon likely to be therefore a danger to the public and property.</p> <p>No report is offered so should be sought. The attached or separately submitted photos show the high value of the tree in the setting and landscape.</p> <p>Although Camden planning guidance on trees seems to be based on association with development, all trees should now be subject to retention and propagation. Camden aims (CPG) to plant more street trees and the same incentive should be expected from private owners, certainly not removal without replacement.</p> <p>HCAAC is aware of a considerable number of current or recent trees felling applications to which HCAAC Objects on principle and for which we consider any consents should be withheld pending rigorous examination of applicants statements and alternatives for retention and proper management.</p> <p>Extract from online information: Robinia pseudoacacia. Maximum Height (25m), spread up to (15m). Green oval pinnate leaves, through which clusters of fragrant creamy white flowers hang in spring.</p> <p>Branches are brittle and can be damaged by strong winds. Cut out any damaged wood in late summer or early autumn. Remove suckers where necessary in the autumn.</p> <p>Generally disease and pest free. May be susceptible to frisia dieback.</p> <p>A number of reasons for not rushing to consent –</p> <p>Grounds on which a notice of intent to fell may be legally refused are:</p> <p>Visibility. The extent to which the tree can be seen from a public place, such as a road or footpath, or accessible by the public. Applicable</p> <p>Size and form; Applicable and warranting any justified replacement for that reason.</p> <p>Future potential as an amenity; Applicable whether of the existing or a replacement of the same species.</p> <p>Contribution to, and relationship with, the landscape; Applicable as above</p> <p>Contribution to the character or appearance of a conservation area. Applicable also as above. The street has a medium tree canopy and loss of the subject tree would leave an unsightly and unacceptable gap, there being little ground level planting on the property.</p> <p>If a tree is considered a risk to public or a building its exact state, soil condition, roots deficiency, angle of 'permitted' lean for the height of the tree should all be stated and examined. Prospects for judicious pruning and pollarding should be examined by the tree specialist for retention.</p> <p>CPG on Trees: Camden's trees and canopy cover have valuable amenity and are an integral asset to the borough's green environment and quality of life. • Using our planning powers and British Standard BS5837:2012 the Council will aim to preserve existing tree and canopy coverage where possible as well as increase and improve tree coverage in the design of new developments and through planning contributions. • With all proposals, we will expect: ı A survey of existing trees (and woody vegetation) to be undertaken prior to the developer deciding on a design of a scheme; ı Retention and integration of existing significant trees in the design of a scheme. ı New trees to sustain or increase canopy coverage and visual amenity, applying a "right place, right tree" approach; ı Other planting to be provided to contribute to Camden's green infrastructure, where appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For visual appeal, softening of the hard landscape of development • Draft Extensions CPG acknowledges the need to plant replacements for any trees felled. • Biodiversity The robinia is a flowering tree therefore attracting wildlife including important bees. • Green views • Visual; attraction

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain – periodic pruning, soil condition monitoring, feeding • Propping • Replace with semi-mature trees. <p>Current policy underlining the aim for sustainability may only be in draft and consultation but there is sufficient experience knowledge and general policy to be the basis of much-needed change to control of unwanted activity and sustenance of the green environment.</p> <p>We ask for a moratorium on consents for trees felling in view of policy appearing (merely appearing ?) to underpin our LPA's green credentials. That would of course exclude genuinely dead or dangerous trees, but reports stating such should be required to be in detail from a qualified person and indisputable. These tree applications are not at all urgent and time should be invested in proper examination of a case.</p> <p>What is urgent is application of all to the carbon emissions reduction aims which it is known retention and replanting of trees will aid greatly</p> <p>Please refuse consent at least pending further examination.</p>
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