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2020/5425/T	Eric Peel	25/11/2020 12:21:00	OBJ	<p>Subject: Objection to 2020/5425/T (Felling of tree in front garden at 81 Greencroft Gdns) 25 Nov. 2020</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I wish to object to the planning application number 2020/5425/T, requesting the complete felling of a silver birch tree in the front garden area of this property in the South Hampstead Gardens Conservation Area.</p> <p>No justification is given for why this quite attractive and modestly-sized tree needs to be completely removed, other than the observation that: 'remove to ground level due to shading from proximity to building'.</p> <p>Why can it not simply be sensitively and moderately pruned, thereby reducing the degree of shading but preserving an attractive natural feature in an otherwise mostly hard-landscaped front garden?</p> <p>The South Hampstead Conservation Area Character Appraisal &amp; Management Strategy Document issued in February 2011 states as follows:</p> <p>5.23 tree cover should be extended &amp; enhanced where possible for reasons of wildlife habitat, amenity value, sense of well-being &amp; place , filtering &amp; absorbing harmful gases , lowering dust &amp; noise levels etc.</p> <p>5.25 views along rear garden vistas &amp; areas of dense tree cover are characteristic of the conservation area &amp; should be protected</p> <p>13.85 the Council will generally resist removal of trees unless dead/dying or dangerous causing damage to buildings or not considered to be of visual or wildlife importance. Unsympathetic pruning will also be resisted.</p> <p>Nothing in the application provides evidence justifying felling this tree contrary to the Council's strategy. The tree is a fairly mature silver birch in good condition and clearly has some visual importance.</p> <p>This is one of numerous recent applications being made to fell trees in this same Conservation Area. For all the reasons stated in the Conservation Area Strategy Document, as well as for reasons of promoting sustainability, it is essential that the Council takes firm action by Refusing this application and thereby helping to resist any further avoidable erosion of the verdant character of the Conservation Area through unnecessary tree felling.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this.</p> <p>Best regards,</p>

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2020/5425/T	S. Nix	28/11/2020 12:52:39	OBJ	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I strongly object to the 'felling to ground level' of this tree for the reason of 'shading from proximity to building'. This is a small tree. I say this in comparison to the birch tree in front of my property as well as others in the South Hampstead conservation area. Even with full leaf foliage in the summer, birch tree leaves do not cause 'excessive shading' as with London plane or similar trees. In addition, they are a haven for birdlife, specifically blue (and other types of) tits and other birds. This is yet another exasperating and depressing example of a tree being felled needlessly in this conservation area. I do not accept that shading from this small tree could be having a negative impact and do not accept this as a valid reason for felling this tree.</p> <p>Regarding the Application Form, in Section 6, the answer to 'Is the applicant the owner of the tree(s)?' is 'No'. In the following 'Tree Ownership' section, no name is provided, and the address is the same as that listed in the section '2. Applicant Details'. What does this mean?</p> <p>Over the past several years I, and many other people living in South Hampstead, have repeatedly expressed concerns about the reckless and cavalier approach to felling trees in this conservation area. This approach contributes to a diminishing of the character and ethos of this very special place.</p> <p>I would ask, please, that someone from the Council respond to my objection.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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