

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/5452/T	Louise Lewis	27/11/2020 12:39:47	OBJ	<p>This tree makes a significant impact to the view approaching Highgate Village Centre along Hampstead Lane. It makes a significant contribution to the Conservation Area. It should only be removed if it can be shown to be absolutely necessary. Even then, there should be a suitable replacement planting. We believe alternative solutions should be considered.</p> <p>The engineering report talks about a walnut but the tree report speaks of an ash. This should be clarified.</p> <p>The Engineering Report omits the fact that part of the wall in front of number 13 was removed between June 2017, and March 2018. This includes the pier outside number 13 which would support the other end of the wall. It is possible that this, and the extensive works carried out at number 13 in the past couple of years have affected the wall at number 15.</p> <p>The engineering report does not know what caused the crack in the first place but says that the tree roots are now invasive and therefore the tree should be removed. The fact that the house is built on Bagshot Sands means that soil shrinkage is unlikely to be the cause of the problem and tree removal is unlikely to be the only answer. The engineering report does not look at alternative solutions, such as a tree root protection barrier.</p> <p>Highgate Neighbourhood Plan: Policy OS2: Protection of Trees and Mature Vegetation I. Within the conservation areas or when protected by a TPO, specimen, veteran and mature trees and mature vegetation, which have townscape, ecological or amenity value should be retained where possible. If such loss is shown to be absolutely necessary, new development will be expected to submit proposals for suitable replacements, like for like replacement being supported where appropriate and feasible.</p> <p>Louise Lewis Highgate Neighbourhood Forum</p>
2020/5452/T	The Highgate Society	01/12/2020 17:59:56	OBJ	<p>This appears to us to be a large and good looking large tree, with no sign of dieback as far as we can see. It is also an important streetscape feature.</p> <p>We are therefore unclear what justification has been made for felling and unless good reasons have been submitted, reasons, we consider that the felling should not be permitted.</p>