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2020/5604/T	Mr E. Peel	20/12/2020 16:15:52	OBJ	

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application Number 2020/5604/T (Rear Garden: 1 x Lime – Fell to ground level)

I wish to object to the planning application number 2020/5604/T, requesting the complete felling of a lime tree in the rear garden of this property in the South Hampstead Gardens Conservation Area.

Absolutely no justification is given for why this tree, located at the very end of the garden and therefore nowhere near any buildings, needs to be completely removed. The application document simply says it is to be felled, with no justification, and the diagram gives no further information.

Why can it not simply be sensitively and moderately pruned, thereby reducing the degree of shading but preserving an attractive natural feature?

The South Hampstead Conservation Area Character Appraisal & Management Strategy Document issued in February 2011 states as follows:

“5.23 tree cover should be extended & enhanced where possible for reasons of wildlife habitat, amenity value, sense of well-being & place , filtering & absorbing harmful gases , lowering dust & noise levels etc.

5.25 views along rear garden vistas & areas of dense tree cover are characteristic of the conservation area & should be protected

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.”

Nothing in the application provides evidence justifying felling this tree contrary to the Council's strategy. A characteristic of the South Hampstead Conservation Area is to have a curtain of trees marking the far boundaries of the properties where they back on to the properties at the rear. This felling would create a gap in that verdant curtain.

I would also like to highlight that 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 in these times of global warming, it is essential that the Council takes firm action by Refusing this application and thereby helps to resist any further avoidable erosion of the verdant character of the Conservation Area through unnecessary tree felling.

The Council should instead suggest that the applicant seeks to re-apply to prune the tree in a sensitive way, thus preserving most the store of carbon that it represents, and retaining the verdant character of this Conservation Area.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Best regards,

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2020/5604/T	Kate Shaughnessy	04/12/2020 09:30:34	OBJ	Mr E Peel No tree should be felled for any reason in England unless it is dead. We need trees in the climate crisis. Camden has no tree policy for private trees and with the crisis they should.
2020/5604/T	CRASH Committee	07/12/2020 21:31:35	OBJ	I would like to submit an objection to the proposed felling of the lime tree at the rear of 225 Goldhurst Terrace. It is highly unfortunate that, as this tree is not currently subject to a TPO, no reason is given to support the request for felling. And, without any photographic evidence or materials available it is not possible to gauge the maturity, health or environmental contribution of the tree to the area. But it would seem likely that this tree, similar to other trees sited at the back of rear gardens in the conservation area, is a mature lime tree and forms part of a line of mature trees at the rear of gardens in this conservation area. These trees provide visual amenity, wildlife refuge, CO2 sink etc. I fail to understand how the continued permission to fell mature trees in Camden is in line with any of the environmental policies approved by Camden Council nor the Mayor's environmental strategies. Planting new trees on pavements while welcome, but often die from lack of watering and are knocked over by cars and vans parking, cannot balance out the destruction caused by felling mature trees especially if no reason has been made with the application.
2020/5604/T	G Power	05/12/2020 08:28:09	OBJ	Why is this tree being felled? This is a conservation area and part of the beauty of the area are the trees. When people move into the area they know the restrictions - or they should do. The lime is a traditional tree associated with this area. Many of them date to not long after the area was built. Lime is also a tree that encourages biodiversity, so not only will the tree be felled but an ecosystem. As has been highlighted during the pandemic, trees and biodiversity have a key role to play in bringing mental wellbeing - the fact that the area has traditionally had trees as high as the buildings also helps with this wellbeing. Trees help cut carbon emissions and air pollution - and air pollution from traffic (which is high in this area) causes all sorts of illnesses. Not only will this tree be felled for the present occupants, but also for future generations to benefit from. It will also set a precedent, which will basically open up the area to having all the mature, traditionally local trees felled.