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2021/0212/T	Louise Lewis (Highgate Neighbourhood Forum)	02/02/2021 11:56:57	OBJ	<p>We would argue that this application is inadequate. The trees are not clearly marked on the sketch map.</p> <p>There is a general assessment of ash die back but there is no detailed analysis of the extent of ash die back. The photos submitted are uninformative. They have been taken in winter, so one cannot see any canopy loss and thus assess the extent of the ash die back. Our understanding is that, even in urban areas, removal is not inevitable until there is more than 75 canopy loss. While the trees cannot be saved, the time between the disease setting in and the tree having to be felled, can be used productively planning a planting replacements. There is no evidence of this.</p> <p>These trees are a wonderful mature screen on the north side of the road, assuming they mean Chester Road as indicated on the map, not Swains Lane as could be implied from the application. It will be a severe loss and have a major impact on the Conservation Area.</p> <p>It will also have a major impact on ecology, bio-diversity and habitat.</p> <p>The loss of tree canopy is also disturbing.</p> <p>We have now found that the Cemetery does have a Conservation Plan and we assume it includes a section on trees. Unfortunately we are unable to download it from their website.</p> <p>We would urge the Tree Officers to ask for more detailed applications from The Cemetery, ask for a more rigorous justification for the work they are doing and ask for mitigation proposals before granting consent.</p>
