

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/1025/T	John Welsh	22/03/2021 10:10:54	OBJ	<p>I'm concerned on several fronts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* The removal of a semi-mature tree to reduce shade and create a garden sets a precedent threatening any tree, of whatever age or size, in the back gardens of a conservation area.</li><li>* The garden lies on the north side of a three-storey house. It is not the tree that provides the shade for six months of the year but the house.</li><li>* There are many famous and well-known dry shade gardens made possible by the right choice of plants. Meanwhile, a part shade/part sun garden, which is what the garden would become, is actually a far more difficult environment in which to grow plants.</li><li>* The removal of a tree using carbon-intensive machinery, I'm guessing the removal of the felled wood (a source of bio-diversity) from the site and no mention of replanting will do little to help Camden Council to achieve its carbon-neutral goal by 2025.</li><li>* Global heating has already made houses built in 1850 increasingly uncomfortable as summers become hotter and hotter. Shade from trees is one of the only effective means of combatting such heat. Once this tree has gone, no 3 St Leonard's Square will no longer be shaded from the heat gain of the afternoon sun.</li><li>* Any resident should be concerned by the proximity of a self-seeded, woodland tree so close to their property because of the threat the tree's roots pose to the typically shallow foundations of 1850s houses. Camden's tree policy is to keep such trees regularly pollarded - indeed it is doing so to an ash in Marsden Street - in order to limit the root size. Why not do the same with this one?</li></ul> <p>On this basis, I object.</p>

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