

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/1406/T	CRASH Committee	08/04/2021 21:33:58	COMMNT	<p>I write on behalf of CRASH (Combined Residents' Associations of South Hampstead) tree group and Committee.</p> <p>In 2016 (2016/4299/T) permission was granted to fell 3 out of 8 lime trees and pollard the other 5 lime trees in the front garden of this property. These lime trees date back to the development of the area at the turn of the 19th century. I commented in 2016 that the application form was not made available - it is still not available. The decision notice is not available either. This means it is not possible to ascertain whether there were reasons given for the request to fell or the reasons that were given for granting the permission. The trees were felled and pollarded - but I can only guess this was in line with the permission given as the decision notice is not available.</p> <p>Now in 2021 of the four remaining limes that sit behind the front wall - two appear not to have recovered from the pollarding carried out five years ago. The trees formed an important part of the streetscape in the conservation area and helped keep the feel of the "gardens area" that the Conservation Area is known for and its history. If the two trees are dead/will not recover, CRASH would request that Camden requires two new trees to be planted in place of the two limes. These could be smaller and more decorative species. In order for this to occur we would also request that the permission requires the grinding out of the roots of the tree rather than "felling as near to ground as is practicable" as, without this requirement ,it will not be possible to plant new trees or new vegetation in that area of the front garden.</p>
2021/1406/T	G Power	11/04/2021 08:05:21	OBJ	<p>I can see that the two limes to be felled may have not regrown after pollarding, which is a shame as they were very mature species and limes are typical for the area. But if they are felled to near ground level, this then means no vegetation can grow on this spot. The trees in South Hampstead Conservation Area, especially those in front gardens, are part of the heritage. And trees do die, but if no new ones are planted in their place, then we are destroying this heritage. Trees also create mental wellbeing & especially mature ones. For In other instances in the area, trees have been felled on the condition that the roots are grubbed up and a new species planted... in our case Camden Council gave us the choice of hawthorn, field maple or amelanchier given that the planting spot was not much more than a metre from the main facade. My objection is to the fact that the trees stumps are being left... and not grubbed up and new trees planted.</p>