

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/2691/T	A Paspalas	14/06/2021 21:06:28	COMMNT	<p>We cannot support the proposal to remove an established, healthy ash tree, given the threat of ash die back in the UK. According to the Tree Council, ash die back is likely to affect up to 80% of UK ash trees, causing major ecological impact - by altering the landscape and affecting the valuable habitats of over 1000 wildlife species that inhabit ash trees. Given the climate emergency, we have a societal responsibility to preserve and look after all healthy, established ash trees in order to help minimise species loss, improve the quality of our air and environment, and absorb CO2. This is echoed in the Camden tree policy, which states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ¿ The case for trees and the contribution they make to the quality of our environment include: ¿ Improving air quality, micro-climate characteristics and mitigating the ¿urban heat island¿ effect ¿ Providing aesthetic, mental health and social benefits ¿ Providing a sense of place, continuity and belonging ¿ Contributing to the urban design and character of the borough, including flood mitigation.¿ <p>It is difficult to see how the removal of this tree would comply with Camden¿s policy. Living on the Holly Lodge Estate, we ourselves benefit from the proximity of beautiful, established trees that provide a unique and special urban environment. Once removed, trees like this cannot be replaced and would irreversibly change our beautiful local environment. Consequently, we cannot support this application.</p>
