

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/2963/T	R Nouss	08/07/2021 12:26:35	OBJ	<p>I write to voice my concern about the proposed felling of one sycamore tree and the 2-3m reduction of another in our Conservation area.</p> <p>Primarily my objection is around retaining the health and character of our back gardens in this Conservation area. It seems to me that, little by little, we are eroding the values and safeguards of the Conservation area. We look to you, the Council, to protect our trees and environment and to stand by your own policies.</p> <p>To fell a healthy sycamore tree in order to make space for a shed/studio is disproportionate. (And which is it? A shed and studio could be quite different in size and use.)</p> <p>To significantly reduce another healthy tree because it is claimed that it is encroaching on a neighbour's garden - yet with no evidence the neighbour is either concerned or in agreement - feels cavalier.</p> <p>It is worth noting there was construction work at 121 Canfield Gardens a couple of years back when the council reassured me that the 2 trees close to the construction work (in the garden of no 82) would be adequately protected. In fact, both residents and neighbours have noticed that, subsequent to the work, those very trees have not been as rich or leafy as in previous years. These are not the same 2 trees as in this application but I mention them for 2 reasons.</p> <p>Firstly, it points to an apparent disregard the applicant has for the trees in his environs and the impact of his choices on the neighbouring properties; secondly, the advice received by tree specialists does not seem to be adequately interrogated by the council and/or there are inadequate checks in place to ensure work carried out is done in accordance with pre-agreed guidelines.</p> <p>I trust you will reject this application in the knowledge that multiple neighbours are concerned enough to voice an objection, that the reasons for the requests are unsubstantial and, importantly, that we live in a Conservation Area and this work would be against its guiding principles as well as setting a dangerous precedent.</p> <p>I also point you to the management strategy document for the South Hampstead Conservation area which reminds us all of the stated benefits of keeping our trees. With thanks.</p> <p>Owner/occupier @ 82 Priory Road</p>