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Advice from Eton Conservation Area Advisory Committee: 30.07.2021

Re Provost Court: 2021/ 3522 / T  
1 x False Acacia (T1) - Fell to ground level.

This is an application to fell a mature and healthy False Acacia tree which, along with three other trees, forms a group bordering the open space fronting a modern apartment building in the heart of the Eton Conservation Area. According to the application the reason for doing so is that it is "Causing damage to boundary wall and raised bed retaining wall".

The Eton Conservation Area Statement makes frequent reference to the contribution made by street trees to the nature of the Conservation Area. and under "Guidelines" section ET40 states "All trees which contribute to the character or appearance of the Conservation Area should be retained and protected."

The location of this particular tree, next door to South Hampstead Synagogue, played an important part in the graphics submitted by the architect to make the case for the acceptability of the new and much enlarged synagogue building which has now been erected. It has the effect of softening the impact of a contemporary structure in an area with many adjacent C19th listed buildings, a role that it has been fulfilling successfully for some years in relation to Provost Court.

The necessity to fell a mature and healthy tree which makes such an important contribution to the street scene of this part of the Conservation Area because it has caused minor damage to surrounding boundary and retaining walls is perverse. The walls should be repaired and/or rebuilt to accommodate the tree.

Yours sincerely,  
Eton CAAC

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