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Advice from Eton Conservation Area Advisory Committee: 30.07.2021

Re 33 Steele's Road: 2021/ 3651 / T  
1 x Liquid Amber (T1) - Fell to ground level.

This is an application to fell a healthy Liquid Amber tree at the front of 33 Steele's Road in the Eton Conservation Area. According to the application the reason for doing so is "Sadly this is the wrong tree planted in the wrong tree (sic) and outgrowing its location. Due to the close proximity to the building if left to mature further it will cause damage to property".

There are photographs accompanying the application which support that the tree was planted too close to the building. We do not object, therefore, but believe that to be consistent with Camden's Planning Guidance on Trees (March 2019) a suitable replacement tree should be planted elsewhere at the front of the property so that an important contribution to the street scene in the Conservation Area is not lost.

Paragraph 3.2 of the Tree Planning Guidance states:  
"Applicants should therefore seek opportunities to restore and enhance planting throughout the site as part of their landscaping scheme. We will take a 'right tree for the right place' approach..."

This is an approach which we support. As we have stated in connection with another application (2021/3515/T), we have observed that applications to fell individual trees in the Conservation Area make no attempt to consider the wider impact on the area as a whole. Usually trees to be felled are old or diseased, or an inappropriate species planted in the wrong place some years ago. There should be a requirement of a one-for-one replacement with the right species in the right place. This could be achieved by adding an additional section to the Application for Tree Works (Planning Portal Reference: PP-10054262) entitled "Replacement Tree(s) to be planted"; this should include a description of the species and, where applicable, an explanation of the reasons for not doing so. In other words there is a presumption that any tree removed should be replaced.

Yours sincerely,  
Eton CAAC