

**From:**

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**To:** Planning

**Subject:** COMMENTS ON APPLICATION 2021/3812/T SITE: 29 BRIARDALE GARDENS NW3 7PN

Dear Sir

Application: 2021/3812/T

I wish to comment on the above planning application as an objection to the tree works by the applicant 29 Briardale Gardens on the pruning of the trees which have tree preservation orders. You will note the crown of the trees is only 3m therefore a reduction of further 2/3 metres will completely obliterate these beautiful trees which are a source of shade, protection to wildlife and benefit to the environment. These also are a source of shelter to the bats in the area which have much importance who have a roost on these trees. There was a bat survey carried out in May 2016 by Dr Greg Carson C.Ecol MCIEEM of the Ecology network which has indicated bat presence at Number 29. The bats identified were soprano pipistrelle and any tree work should take into account the significant impact on these bats and the wildlife species who are around these environmentally important trees in this area.

We feel if these tree works were to go ahead just so the applicant can complete their extensive building works there would be significant and extreme over pruning of the trees. Many of the branches are only 2m long and the tree pruning proposed would likely to cause catastrophic stress and bleeding to these important trees.

The result of this excessive reduction would result in a lopsided stump of main stem of the tree left which may never recover from such damage. This was the case when No 33 disastrously cut off all branches from a beloved ancient tree in their garden leaving a dead tree with an unsightly stump and we want to avoid the same damage to No 29 trees from residents who clearly have no interest in preserving the environment apart from their own financial gains on the property.

The common practice on pruning these lovely plums and pittasporum trees is done with selective branches over regular periods as opposed to severe over pruning. The proposal as it stands is unacceptable and causes terrible and irreversible damage to the health of these trees and the environment/wildlife.

These trees form a green corridor for bat foraging and commuting route and any work done must take this into account.

We urge you to take these comments into account.

Kind Regards

Neighbouring Residents at

Briardale Gardens