

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/3975/T	Luke Collins	24/08/2021 17:19:50	OBJ	<p>I object to this application on the following grounds:</p> <p>1 - Trees are an integral part of the London landscape, providing shade, sound absorption, climate change mitigation, comfort and beauty. The correct response to the impact of the growth of trees is not to cut them down, but to adapt the buildings that they are affecting. This has already been done with great success in a more extreme case of trees affecting garden walls further up Haverstock Hill on the east side of the street. If those residents can adapt their wall to the growth of that tree, the owners of this site should be able to mitigate the much less profound impact of the four trees listed in this application.</p> <p>2 - Little to no work appears to have been done to stabilise the garden walls that these trees are affecting. There is no sign of any repointing, buttressing or other mitigation actions having been carried out.</p> <p>3 - The trees form part of a visual continuum that runs from Chalk Farm a considerable way up Haverstock Hill. If these trees are removed the result will look like an old friend who has had his front teeth knocked out.</p> <p>4 - With climate change becoming so very obvious now, the last thing that London should be doing is losing mature trees that provide shade, climate mitigation, and ground stabilisation. If these trees are lost, what will happen to the land that they are currently binding together, and how will the flow of water through the ground be changed? Could the loss of these trees, combined with heavier rainfall, make the properties that are supposed to be being protected more susceptible to flood damage and unanticipated changes in the water course?</p>
