

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/3979/T	Joshua De Winter	04/09/2021 08:57:41	OBJ	<p>I strongly object to the trees being felled to ground level. Removal of these trees would go against Camden Council's own biodiversity and greenspace policy. Lime trees have important value to wildlife. Lime leaves are eaten by the caterpillars of many moth species, including the lime hawk, peppered, vapourer, triangle and scarce hook-tip moths. They are very attractive to aphids, providing a source of food for their predators, including hoverflies, ladybirds and many species of bird. Bees also drink the aphid honeydew deposited on the leaves. According to the 'Trees in Camden' census of 2016, there are only 127 Lime trees (across 5 sub-types) in Belsize ward. Only 9 are in the vicinity (including these 2), and 6 of those are in the Adelaide Road Nature Area, which has been negatively impacted by the HS2 construction works.</p> <p>The trees are not causing any obstruction to pedestrians, and they are located on the opposite side of the pavement to the road curb, so do not cause any impediment to road traffic. So I don't see any justification for felling to ground level. Removal of these trees would significantly affect the character of the area.</p> <p>If this application is from the property(s) on the corner of Quickswood and Primrose Hill road, and is to provide more daylight into their property(s) by removing the trees, I feel that it is not good enough reason to remove the trees. This property(s) have built extensions on the ground floor that almost reach the boundary wall with Adelaide Road, and through their own design limit their access to natural light. In addition the boundary wall has a 2-3 foot wooden extension to the top of the boundary wall, equalling the height of the ground floor extension and this limiting light in to the property. There are measures that the property owners can take before the needless felling of these trees. The lime trees are not on the property side of the boundary wall, and I would argue that, bad property design and/or planning should not be justification to remove the trees.</p>
