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Application No: Consultees Name: Received: Comment: Response: FRONT GARDEN: 2022/0006/T Louise Lewis 20/01/2022 19:58:23 OBJ 1 x Ash (T2) - Lift to 5m. 1 Maple (T3) - Lift to 5m.

1 x Sycamore (T1) - Fell to ground level.

REAR GARDEN:

- 1 x Ash (T4) Fell to ground level
- 1 x Sycamore (T5) Fell to ground level.

Group of Holly (T6) - Lift to 5m over road and reduce back overhang by 2m from Merton Lane.

T4, T5 and the group of hollies T6, make a significant contribution to the street scene and the visual amenity of the Conservation Area. Merton Lane is a well used road for people going to Hampstead Heath and the Ladies Pond. It is lined by mature trees giving shade in the summer and making a leafy approach to The Heath.

We oppose removing T4 and T5 unless they are replaced by semi-mature woodland trees which would have the same impact. Raising the holly to 5 metres (15 feet!) over the road would not be the most appropriate way of managing these trees.

T1, T2 and T3, make their own contribution to the streetscene, forming a backdrop for the boundary trees. If T4 and T5 are felled. T1 and T2 and T3 would become even more visible from Merton Lane. T1 should be retained and T2 and T3 should be more sensitively managed.

The applicant has already removed a sycamore along this stretch of road and that has already had an impact on the view. (In the application it was stated Sycamore on border with Merton Lane: this tree has signs of decay in the stem and has had bad reduction work done in the past. There are trees on either side so removing it will not affect the foliage cover in this garden.)

There have been many applications to fell trees in this estate.

2021/2586/T 5 Haversham Place1 x Willow - Fell to ground level

2021/1949/T 4 Haversham Place London N6 6NG 1 x Sycamore (T1) - Fell to ground level. .2021/1928/T 1 Haversham Place London N6 6NG: 1 x Sycamore (T1) - Fell to ground level.

2020/3860/T 3 Haversham Place London N6 6NG: 1 x Small Hawthorn (T4) - Fell to ground level.

2020/2651/T 2 Haversham Place London N6 6NG 9 x self-seeded Sycamore, Holly & Hawthorn - Fell to around level.

1 x Ash (B2) - Fell to ground level.

Implementing the permission granted to application 2020/2651/T has probably had the greatest effect on the public realm, see attached photo. (with Tom Little) Trees have been growing along this section of Fitzroy Park, since at least the mid-19th century, as can be seen on the 1869 25 inch Ordnance Survey map. Now we have a band of unsightly scrubland.

These trees should be retained and maintained with a view to preserving and enhancing the visual amenity of Merton Lane for the public.

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