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| 2022/0636/T | Marianne | 18/02/2022 14:26:01 | OBJ | <p>I live a few houses down from Beechey Cottage. I don't have a garden. I overlook the Heath and the garden of Beechey Cottage. The garden forms a link between Hampstead Heath and the buildings of the Vale of Health. It is a link for wildlife as well as the visual appearance which connects the Vale of Health Pond to the Heath. Recently Beechey cottage has built an enormous 'outhouse' with a large roof and windows as 'permitted development' on their garden. It is an ugly blot on the previously green landscape between the houses and the Vale of Health Pond. In the process of building, a tree overhanging the fence into Beechey cottage garden but growing on Hampstead Heath was cut down in order to facilitate the build. As far as I can see, it was not pruned to allow the build to take place and to allow the tree to continue its life. There was plenty of time to arrange this prior to the build taking place. However, the life of the tree and wildlife did not take priority.</p> <p>I agree with pruning trees to maintain their condition and to prevent injury to people by falling branches or trees. However I don't agree with trees being chopped down unless really necessary. We can't ask people in other countries not to cut their trees down if we continue to cut ours down, for the purposes of personal and very subjective aesthetics or personal and subjective recreation.</p> <p>If a garden design was included on the planning applications that showed new trees were to be planted, my view may be different. In particular if greenery were to be planted to soften the appearance of the large 'outhouse'. A green roof would help.</p> <p>I agree with the Yew tree being pruned to maintain its vigour and health - not for 'aesthetics'. I understand Yew trees are valuable haven's for wildlife. I do not agree to the Maple Tree being cut down or removed.</p> |

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