

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2022/1187/T	Angela Maguire	12/04/2022 14:27:52	NOBJ	<p>As freeholder/owner of both gardens at 121-123 Arlington Road, NW1 7ET that directly back onto 102-104 Albert Street, I support the felling of both trees.</p> <p>May I suggest they be replaced with other trees or shrubs more suitable in size and better positioned to provide existing plants the light to grow?</p> <p>My reasons for felling are as follows:</p> <p>I believe the trees are self-seeded.</p> <p>The garden is in a conservation area. These gardens have been neglected and I expect may well continue to be in future.</p> <p>As an impacted neighbour, it is frustrating to have no influence on how this garden will be maintained and the possible detriment to my property.</p> <p>Currently, I am unable to take forward plans to replace my shed and summer house with an outdoor garden office at 121-123 Arlington Road due to the proximity to both trees. The species of these two trees are prone to disease, and therefore vulnerable in stormy weather.</p> <p>Historically, the larger of the 2 trees in Cecil House Garden grew rapidly due to a similar sized tree in our garden falling in the great storm of 1987. This caused significant damage across 3 gardens. Considerable time and expense were involved disposing of the tree and reinstating the boundaries, i.e. walls and fencing. Pictures are available on request.</p> <p>I have lived in 121 Arlington Road with my late husband since 1979 and have monitored the rapid growth of these trees.</p> <p>I accept the importance of conservation and understand the impact of random tree felling on both air quality and biodiversity. I appreciate the aesthetic beauty of trees. I am, however, concerned of unsuitable trees growing in the wrong places.</p> <p>In the event of a decision to retain these trees, may I request an undertaking from the building owner /insurer to ensure that arboriculturists regularly inspect and maintain the trees and take on liability for future damage caused by them?</p> <p>I have been advised by my insurers that they will not provide insurance coverage for a garden office in the current circumstances. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, working from home has been crucial to the ongoing survival of my business. I cannot afford to be placed in limbo and being unable to take forward my garden plans.</p> <p>I look forward to your consideration of my concerns and would appreciate your comments.</p>