

Subject:

Planning Application reference 2022/1187/T

Dear Planning Team,

The Albert Street North Residents Association strongly objects to the propose felling and loss of two important mature trees in the large green space bounded by Albert Street North, Parkway, Arlington Road and Delancey Street for the following reasons.

- ∞ Conservation area
These trees are in a conservation area and therefore listed. They appear to be in good health.
- ∞ Visual Amenity
Although the trees in question can only be glimpsed externally they can be seen from over 45 dwellings and are therefore of considerable value as a public visual amenity.
- ∞ Biodiversity and Air Pollution
Too many mature trees in Camden have been and continue to be felled many to enable the construction of the HS2 railway. Street trees are often pollarded. It is therefore imperative that these trees are preserved to provide natural habitats for birds and insects. Their canopies are also essential for combating air pollution which has been shown to be extremely high because of heavy traffic in Parkway and Delancey Street. In the absence of public gardens, these trees contribute to an important "green lung" in this residential area.
- ∞ Carbon Sequestration
Both species are Category A carbon credit species trees (see Barcham's "Top Trunks" carbon sequestration guide). Camden has declared a climate emergency and should not be permitting the release of this carbon as a consequence.
- ∞ Structural Issues
Removal of mature trees such as these often cause more damage to structures due to heave than any initial subsidence has caused. Retention with careful management would be the correct solution in the vast majority of cases on clay soils.

We would t urge you to put in place a tree preservation order at least to give time for proper monitoring of any effects these trees may be having on the back extension to the hostel and also consider whether pruning of the two trees would mitigate the situation.

Yours sincerely
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