

From: Debbie Radcliffe
Sent: 20 July 2022 13:55
To: Planning
Cc: Bloomsbury Conservation; Marianne Jacobs-Lim
Subject: Refs 2022/2675/T and 2022/2676/T

Dear Planning / Tree department

These applications were discussed at the latest meeting of the Advisory Committee.

We object in principle to the felling of any trees in the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, as the landscape setting is integral to the historic urban grain of the heritage neighbourhood.

I note the Applicant is neither the owner of 35 Argyle Square nor 64-66 Argyle Street - but acting for Tankerton Works, described as "A modern studio office converted from a former Victorian stables block". It is apparently the owner of this building that has initiated the arborial investigation, for an insurance claim. However, the mature trees in question must pre-date the conversion (2004). That means that any potential impact from nearby trees must have been taken into consideration when the original building was approved for conversion.

Following the BCAAC meeting, we made a visit to Argyle Walk and noted the two applications under consideration on a lamppost, i) to fell the sycamore tree in the garden of 35 Argyle Square (2022/2675T) which is adjacent to the garden of 64-66 Argyle Street where there is another application to fell a sycamore tree (2022/2676/T)

We noted there is NO tree in the garden of 35 Argyle Square, and nothing there to cause harm to the Tankerton Works building.

Having viewed the website of Tankerton Works, there is a photograph (enclosed - Missing Tree A) clearly showing a tree next to the western end of the building - WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS. I enclose a photo taken today (MissingTree B) taken from the same angle and showing the tree has been removed without permission. This tree is clearly identified in the report (Missing Tree C).

This is unacceptable, particularly as trees are, as stated above, integral to the setting of listed buildings - and 35 Argyle Square lies within the grounds of a Grade II listed terraced property, and within the Conservation Area

Referring to the application of 2022/2676/T on the Camden Planning website - there is **no information** relating to any request to fell a sycamore tree. We can only conclude this relates to the application 20022/2675/T and the documents enclosed therein.

My observation is that the large tree adjacent to Argyle Walk, presumably in the grounds of 64-66 Argyle Street will have no impact whatsoever on Tankerton Works, being a significant distance away.

Following a site visit to 64-66 Argyle Street, I note that these properties are currently unoccupied and presumably awaiting re-development. There is no acceptable reason for the felling of any tree in this rear garden and the current application to fell the sycamore should be refused.

Argyle Walk has a number of fine mature trees, which we feel should be protected from possible future insurance claims by Tankerton Works. Loss of any of these trees would cause considerable harm to the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

To recap: Bloomsbury CAAC strongly objects to the request of a tree to be felled in application 2022/2675/T, and urges Camden to refuse the

Application. We also wish to receive information as to why the tree identified in 2022/2676/T has been felled already - WITHOUT PERMISSION, and what action will be carried out to mitigate this loss.

Best wishes

Debbie Radcliffe

For Bloomsbury Conservation Areas Advisory Committee
61b Judd Street, London WC1H 9QT

Photos enclosed

TREE NOT THERE TODAY



TREE NOT
THERE
20.7.22





View of property. 12a to left hand end. Note TP tree to rear