

**From:**

**Sent:** 04 January 2023 15:48

**To:** Planning

**Subject:** Notification of intended works to trees in conservation area.

Application Ref: 2022/5180/T

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to object to the proposed works to fell 3 trees in the rear garden of 5 Cleve House.

I have only just today received the letter outlining the intent to fell the trees so I am aware that this response falls outside of the stated 21 days.

The justification given to fell the 3 trees seems unreasonable to me and I fully agree with the following comments that have already been posted regarding the matter.

The reason that the trees have been 'smothered in ivy for years' is that they haven't been properly and regularly managed.

It is entirely possible and feasible for a good arboriculturalist to carefully sever the ivy trunks close to ground level (without damaging the tree) and to let the ivy die back, such that some of it can eventually be removed, and the tree can continue to thrive.

The presence of the ivy is not, of itself, a sufficient justification to fell 3 perfectly healthy trees, without immediate replacement, in a Conservation Area where they form a part of the very characteristic verdant bands along the rear boundaries of many of the properties' plots, as observed in the South Hampstead Conservation Area Appraisal document.

In this position they are already very publicly visible from several nearby properties- probably amounting to some 30-40 people who can regularly see them, and enjoy their visual amenity.

If the trees are not dangerous, or demonstrably causing subsidence to a house, then they should be retained and managed properly rather than

simply being felled, causing a loss of biodiversity, loss of verdant amenity and loss of valuable carbon stores.

This application should be rejected, and the ivy should be removed rather than the trees felled.”

Regards  
Michelle Mossadegh