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Comments: ----------
This application for tree works includes:

T16 Oak: Cut entire tree to ground level ¿This tree has good branch framework but poor crown density and low vigour with both large and minor deadwood. This tree is hazardous with a limited lifespan.¿

And

T22 Sycamore: Cut entire tree to ground level ¿This tree is an ivy-clad specimen with limited live growth.¿

I object to the removal of these two trees.

The oak may be one of the original oaks of the Bishops Wood that once covered this area, and have historic value.

Old trees, with standing dead wood and ivy, provide some of the most important tree-related habitats (such as in holes and behind ivy), and the most significant support for biodiversity (such as insect food species for a variety of birds).

The guide published by Natural England: Veteran Trees: A guide to good management (IN13) available at http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/75035 gives much advice on both the value and management of veteran trees.

Unless there is evidenced danger, the dead wood in both of these trees should be retained or reduced to make it safe. The fencing of an area under the branch spread might allow the retention of the greatest quantity of the original branches. The advice of the council¿s tree officer should be sought on appropriate strategies for retaining these trees with greatest biodiversity. In addition, the arboriculturalist experts of the City of London manage many veteran trees in Highgate Wood and Hampstead Heath and may also be able to advise the Board and officers of Hill Homes.

I would comment too that the residents of The Trees may appreciate the retention and careful management of these veteran trees in the grounds of their home, and the biodiversity they bring.

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