

James Argles

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10a South Grove, Highgate N6 6BS

Dear Mr, Argles,

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Thank you for notifying us of this application to reduce the width of an Ash tree by "up to 3m". It is not clear whether this involves a total reduction in the spread of 3m, or a reduction all round by 3m on each side.

This is a large, very fine and important Ash tree, which is clearly a major feature in the landscape and visible by many residents and, because of the low scale of development in this estate, from a wider area, and we are surprised that it is not already protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

In view of the current threat to Ash Trees, we understand that local authorities are required by the Tree Council to have an Ash Dieback Plan, in order to save as many ashes as possible with the aim of finding and preserving those which are resistant to Ash Dieback disease. We do not know whether Haringey have as yet signed up to this.

We are concerned that such a major reduction could weaken the tree and make it more vulnerable in the event that it is exposed to the fungal spores of the disease. We therefore ask that the tree be placed under the protection of a Tree Preservation Order as soon as possible, thus enabling your arboriculturist to have some control over, and advise on the necessity for, and scale of, any works to this tree.

Yours sincerely

Michael Hammerson
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