

Objection to Planning application: 27 Woodfield Way, N11 - HGY/2023/0827



This application, which involves the felling of a large mature oak tree, needs to be refused. The tree makes a very significant contribution to the environment, to biodiversity (this is especially true of oaks, who are host to 2000 different species) , to the cooling of the streets and to the well-being of the local community. The following points need to be noted:

- This is a large, mature and wonderful oak, with a well-deserved TPO.
- The tree is some distance from 27 Woodfield Way, as the photograph clearly demonstrates, and it is very unlikely to be a significant contributor to any subsidence.
- Indeed it is conceded that the settlement damage is category 2, namely 'slight'.
- Much of North London is built on clay, as is the case here, which is prone to cyclical movement. Due to climate change and hot dry summers, subsidence has increased greatly in the last few years, not helped by these houses having shallow foundations.
- It is very likely that if the oak tree is removed, there will be further and possible worse movement: heave, damp, possibly flooding. This has been the case in other fellings of mature trees.

Please refuse this application and uphold the Tree Preservation Order.

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