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Subject: FW: HGY/2023/1588 - 1 North Road, N6 4BD
Attachments: 1.North Rd r, Hamp Lane l.jpg; 2.From North Rd.jpg; 3.From top of Hampstead Lane.jpg

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Thank you for notifying us of this application for removal of trees.

As can be seen from the attached photographs from Streetmap, this site, at the junction of Hampstead Lane and North Road, is highly visible from a wide area. The trees and other greenery currently there make a significant contribution to the local streetscape, and we are concerned that the large scale of removal proposed will impact adversely on this and cause harm to this part of the Conservation Area.

In addition, we consider the proposed replacement of all these removed trees with an Amelanchier will not compensate for the loss of trees. Amelanchier is a small and slow growing tree, and inadequate in biodiversity terms. We consider that more appropriate replacements would be, for example, another Hornbeam (which should be better maintained than the current one), and a Hawthorn; these would be attractive, manageable and ecologically more appropriate.

We would therefore ask that your Arboriculturist visit the site and make recommendations as to what work on the current trees is necessary, and how replacements can enhance the visual and ecological contribution of the site while meeting the applicants' reasonable requirements.

Yours sincerely

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