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Daniel Monk,
Tree Officer,
Haringey Council

Dear Daniel,

HGY/2023/2267: tree works at Elm Court, 53 Cholmeley Crescent

I have heard over the weekend that the proposed works to various trees in this application may be linked to enabling developments.

As we know, we often see tree applications closely followed by planning applications and this may very well be the case here. Does the developer who has applied for the tree works have a vested financial interest or not?

You will have seen that both Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee (of which I am Chair) and Highgate Neighbourhood Forum have submitted comments as if these were, as we understood them at the time, necessary maintenance of the trees. We asked you to visit the site to look at the Magnolia and Pear tree especially to establish whether felling them was actually necessary. As these two trees are in the middle of the large lawn area I now fear the reason is not that given but to clear a site for development.

Highgate has lost a great number of trees in this way. Although replacement trees are very often required you do not have the time to check if that has been achieved.

Although I note the website states a Decision has been made (but not formally made as yet) please could you take the contents of this letter very seriously into account before the final Decision is made.

My garden is a haven of wildlife - an amazing variety of birds, mammals, insects, bees lying as it does is this 'stepping stone' which protects biodiversity.

Kind regards,

Gail Waldman
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cc. Robbie Mc Naugher, Haringey Planning
Cllr. Scott Emery and Cllr. Nick da Costa
Highgate Neighbourhood Forum
The Highgate Society
Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee
Cromwell Area Residents Association