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Matthew Gunning
Haringey Planning Services By email.

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Dear Matthew

Re: HGY/2023/2492 Approval of details pursuant to condition 5 (hard and soft landscaping) attached to planning permission HGY/2020/1326

I am responding on behalf of the Highgate Society to the above approval pursuant to the hard and soft landscaping for the 7 mews houses in Townsend Yard.

We have serious concerns that the proposed 4 small trees and planter do not go anyway near far enough to make up for the loss of trees on the site. One moderate C category tree and two U category trees were removed from the site itself to allow for the new development and we would expect to see a similar amount of tree cover to be returned. Also the proposed new tree in front of the first mews house will interfere with vehicle access to the rear parking of 42 High Street so is not viable.

Furthermore we are alarmed at the proposal to pollard the two limes. As you are aware, the community has fought hard to retain these trees and we are concerned that they will not survive hard pollarding, given that, following construction, their roots will be significantly more constrained and their canopy deprived of a significant amount of light. We oppose any reduction of these trees more than is necessary and would ask that Haringey's Arboriculturist carefully specifies what works can be carried on the 2 lime trees to ensure their long term health.

Finally we also object to the amount of hard surfacing particularly in the rear gardens of the mews house - as a result the surface run off for this scheme will be enormous. We don't see any reference to SuDs which we would have expected to be included.

Yours sincerely

Liz Morris
Co-chair Planning Committee