

Subject : RE: Rounds Gardens North - R24/0111

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Hi Ella,

Apologies for the delay.

Following my initial comments in relation to this site a new tree survey/report was instructed by the applicant both to inform and support this planning application which is welcomed.

As stated in this new report 1.3.4 the sites principal trees comprise assemblages of high quality Lime and London Plane trees. Also, in 1.3.5 the most important features comprise a linear arrangement of mature Lime which occupy the application areas eastern boundary, a crescent shaped avenue of Limes which bisects the site from north to south and a cohesive collection of London Plane within the central western extent of the site. These trees are also protected by virtue of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

The application site also contains a high volume of self-seeded low quality trees (e.g. Goat Willow, Buddleia and Poplar) which have emerged as a consequence of an unmanaged/derelict site.

The TPO lime trees to the rear of properties at Princes Street sees a re-design which incorporates these trees (and their respective root protection areas) into a public open space rather than into individual property gardens. Therefore, at this location and from an Arboricultural point a view there is more favourable juxtaposition between retained trees and proposed re-development of the area.

However, there are still proposed losses of high quality (category A) trees. For example London Plane trees (labelled 149-167) in tree report. This is contrary to them being subject to a TPO and also being principal trees and as stated in the tree report. Similarly, T11 Lime (also a TPO tree) classified as Category A (high quality) and principal component of a group of Lime trees and of high collective value. I previously recommend that 2 housing plots were omitted at this location to achieve successful tree retention but this does not appear to have been achieved.

Also, to the rear of Princes street there are a group of 3 TPO birch trees, 2 of which are in decline (trees labelled 95 and 97 in the tree report). The remaining Birch tree (labelled 96) is in moderate condition (Category B) and still has the potential to contribute positively within the context of new development. I previously recommend that the relationship between proposed new development and the retention of tree 96 be looked at again to ensure successful retention but this does not appear to have been achieved.

The proposed tree losses are significant both within the context of the application site and surrounding area where views are possible from various locations e.g. Princes Street, York Street and Edward Street.

Mitigation planting is proposed (2 for 1) but I feel this insufficient to outweigh the proposed loss of this established tree resource.

Therefore, I would object to the application based on the loss of the TPO London Plane (trees 149-167), Lime (Tree 11) and Birch (tree 96).

Regards

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Hi Dave,

Can you please let me know when you will be providing comments to R24/0111? If they could be sent over by the end of the week that would be appreciated.

Kind regards,

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