

We refer to the application reference 6/2021/0961/EMT in respect of 2 Densley Close, and the letter we received from WHBC on 29 March 2021.

We are owners of 37 Sherrardspark Road, an adjoining property, with a significant boundary.

We have no comments in relation to the proposed reduction of the two Hornbeam trees by two metres.

We comment that we find it unfortunate that we, along with other adjoining neighbours, were not consulted informally about the proposals prior to the application being made. Such an approach may have fostered relations and enabled solutions to be found.

In respect of the Western Red Cedar tree, this very large established tree (approximately 20 feet in height in a conservation area) forms a natural boundary between our property and 2 Densley Close. In keeping with the original ethos behind the garden city, and the positioning of houses and gardens, this tree forms a significant part of the boundary. Aesthetically, removal of such an established tree in a conservation area is not in the spirit of that conservation.

Our garden would be overlooked by 2 Densley Close, significantly affecting our privacy, if the tree was removed. Please see attached two photos of the tree from the bottom of our garden, with 2 Densley Close being the house that can be seen on the left. We have no objection to the tree being reduced in length by a maximum of four feet, but any more than this would affect our privacy unreasonably and the aesthetics of the area, and we object accordingly to the proposed removal of the tree. The third photo submitted with the application, showing the Western Red Cedar tree from the garden of 2 Densley Close is misleading in that it has already been significantly pruned and shows a very small part of the tree on the Densley Close side, and does not show that it is approximately 20 feet tall forming a natural boundary with our property.