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Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 26/0659 (10-11 Woodside Stow Park Crescent Newport NP20 4HD) (Trees in Conservation Areas)

Hi Marnie

Re: WORKS TO A MIXED TREE GROUP (PRUNING AND FELLING) PROTECTED BY THE STOW PARK CONSERVATION AREA

The properties of 10 & 11 Stow Park Crescent are identified as 'Positive Contributors' towards the character and appearance of the area. The building pair is prominently located within generous green curtilage, located within a key conservation area view: east along Stow Park Crescent from the junction with Stow Park Circle (identified as an 'Important View' within the Stow Park Conservation Area appraisal).

The positive contribution made by trees towards the character and appearance of the area is identified within the same appraisal, in particular:

"3.6.7 Stow Park Circle & Stow Park Crescent: characterised by large villa-style houses, typically set back within their plots with mature, planted boundaries (occasionally accompanying low walls). Front-facing gable ends are common, and half-timbering is often incorporated on upper levels."

"3.7 3.7.1 SPACES & PUBLIC REALM

The open spaces within the Conservation Area are typically private gardens with lush, mature planting around their edges, especially in Stow Park Crescent and Stow Park Circle. This provides important visual amenity to the streetscapes and contributes substantially to their leafy, green character. The tree cover also creates a distinctive contrast of light and shade throughout the Conservation Area, often emphasising the upper storeys of buildings as they catch the sunlight."

Aim and Objective 5 within the same document states that:

5. The rich green-ness of the Conservation Area should be protected through the considered management of existing trees and careful design of new planting.

Reason: To protect a defining characteristic of the Conservation Area and to manage trees in line with other local policy.

As identified above, the mature trees of Stow Park Conservation Area are an integral part of its character and appearance; also providing high levels of public and visual amenity. As such, they should be preserved wherever possible.

I will leave it to the expertise of our tree team to conclude whether the trees in question merit a tree preservation order. I would also highly recommend that, should felling be considered appropriate in this particular situation, a suitable condition is added to ensure the lost tree is *"replaced with suitable species at nearby location"* as per recommendations of the *Treecare Consulting Report* which accompanies this application, to ensure that the rich green-ness of this property's curtilage

(and therefore the character and appearance of the wider Stow Park Conservation area) is preserved over time.

Many thanks,

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