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To: Parsons, Kelsey (Planning Officer (Student Placement))

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Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0596 (202 Stow Hill Newport NP20 4HB) (Trees in Conservation Areas)

Hi Kelsey

Re: FELLING OF 2 NO. TREES PROTECTED BY STOW PARK CONSERVATION AREA

Background

Stow Hill is a historically important thoroughfare within Stow Park Conservation Area. It was the medieval arterial route into the town from the south and, later, a busy turnpike road associated with the high levels of trading activity before the docks moved south in the 20th century.

According to the Stow Park CAA:

Nos. 202 & 204 Stow Hill are Positive Contributors towards the CA.

3.4.1 Important views within the Stow Park Conservation Area are largely channelled by its streetscapes, especially at intersections where views are split down diverging streets; including the junction of Caerau Road and Caerau Crescent, and the north end of Stow Park Circle. The steep slope of Stow Park Avenue also contributes to views up towards Stow Hill and down towards Belle Vue Park, with the elevated position of the terraced houses on the east side of the road emphasising their presence.

3.4.2 The higher proportion of greenery around Stow Park Circle creates very different types of views in the south-west corner of the Conservation Area, shielding many of the buildings behind mature boundary planting and trees. This means that the buildings are glimpsed between gaps in the planting and the overall character is much greener and less urban than the north and east sides of the Conservation Area.

3.7.1 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.

The mature trees in the Stow Park Conservation Area are an integral part of its character.

Aim and Objective 5 states that:

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.

Analysis

202 Stow Hill is a Positive Contributors towards the character and appearance of the CA, being one of a pair of characterful semi-detached Victorian villas which pre-date Stow Park Circle as one of the earliest buildings within the area. The property is prominently located upon a wide junction, and its mature green curtilage boundary provides glimpsed views of the building, contributes towards distinctive contrasting light and shade, provides important visual amenity to the streetscape, and contributes substantially towards the leafy, green character of the area upon this busy intersection. No.200, to the eastern side of the junction, provides stark evidence for the negative impact of complete vegetation clearance. As we do not control loss of hedgerow planting to property boundaries, such mature trees should be preserved wherever possible, in order to preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area.

I will of course defer to our tree officer upon the need to fell, but every effort should be made to retain these trees.

Many thanks,

Guy Arnall

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From: planning@newport.gov.uk <planning@newport.gov.uk>

Sent: 13 August 2025 14:28

To: Arnall, Guy <Guy.Arnall@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0596

Dear Principal Heritage Officer

Please find attached correspondence from Newport Council with regards to planning application:

App Number: 25/0596

Address: 202 Stow Hill Newport NP20 4HB

Proposal: FELLING OF 2 NO. TREES PROTECTED BY STOW PARK CONSERVATION AREA

submitted on 25 July 2025.

View details of 25/0596 at Newport Council - Planning Online:

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Your sincerely
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