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Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 26/0544 (46 Caerau Road Newport South Wales NP20 4HH) (Trees in Conservation Area)

Hi Marnie

Re: WORKS TO 1NO. COPPER BEECH TREE (CROWN REDUCTION) PROTECTED BY THE STOW PARK CONSERVATION AREA

As identified within the [Stow Park CAA, February 2020](#):

“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.”

“3.6.10 Caerau Crescent & Caerau Road: Typically semi-detached townhouses in a variety of styles and materials, often with low front boundary walls and domestic front gardens/driveways.”

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.

3.7.1 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.

4.1.1 The Stow Park Conservation Area is highly significant as a demonstration of Newport’s commercial successes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and the impact this had on the City’s growth. The quality and variety of its architecture, combined with its distinctive greenness results in a highly significant and unusual suburb. Unlike much of the wider suburban development in Newport, Stow Park has a distinctive configuration, especially the looped arrangements in the south-west portion of the Conservation Area.

4.1.4 Overall, the special interest of the Stow Park Conservation Area is drawn from its historical links with Newport’s 19th-century commercial prosperity and the architectural richness this afforded in the growing suburbs. The ratio of greenery to buildings is also a highly significant characteristic of the Conservation Area and sets it apart from other suburbs.

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.

Due to its fine character and prominent location within an identified 'important' view, this mature tree makes a very positive contribution towards both the amenity and the character and appearance of Stow Park Conservation Area. As such, it should be preserved in its present state however possible. I will leave it to our tree team to conclude whether the proposed works are necessary for the health of existing trees - and whether a TPO should be served.

Many thanks,

Guy Arnall