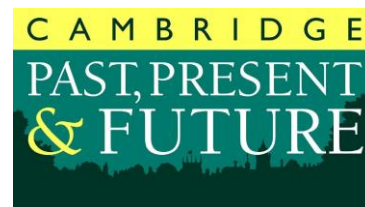


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Dear Joanna

**Response to 22/0271/TTPO | T1, T2 & T3: London Plane - Reduce height by ~5m and spread by ~4m balancing crown of all 3 trees. Prune on a triennial cycle to maintain broadly at reduced dimensions. | St Matthews Centre And St Matthews Piece Sturton Street Cambridge**

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Cambridge PPF object to the proposed works to these protected trees on the grounds of detrimental impact on the conservation area.

The London Plane trees on Sturton Street and St Matthew's Piece, are protected by their location within a Conservation Area and by a Tree Preservation Order. They make a significant contribution to the Mill Road area of the Central Conservation Area, and this should be a material considering in determining this application.

There is limited tree cover in this area of Cambridge. The Conservation Area Appraisal states that the area is principally made up of residential streets and identifies only three areas of open space with mature trees of which St Matthew's Piece is one.

Section 4.2 of the Conservation Area Appraisal identifies St Matthew's Piece as a significant area of well used open space and is described as retaining a large number of mature trees. In section 6 page 41 of the Appraisal, the care of the trees in St Matthew's Piece is identified as an issue to be taken into account in maintaining the special characteristics of the Conservation Area.

The proposal would involve reducing the trees from 23m to 18m in height and from 18m to 14m in spread.

The avenue of trees along Sturton Street form a fine canopy. To prune 3 of the trees in this avenue would create an imbalance in the vista and upset the uniformity of this part of the conservation area.

Significant weight should be given to the contribution these trees make to the Conservation Area.

I trust that you will take our comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely

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