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London Borough of Merton  
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For the attention of the Tree Officer

Dear Sirs,

**22/T3239 – Wimbledon Park Golf Club Home Park Road Wimbledon London SW19 7HR**

The Wimbledon Society wishes to object to the above application.

The application proposes removal of 13 trees which are described as “low-value”. No justification is given for this assessment, other than a vague, unjustified assertion that their removal will benefit growth of other trees. The existing trees are grouped and serve a landscaping function.

A total of 18 trees is to be removed, but there are no proposals for their replacement, as would normally be the case for trees protected by a TPO.

Trees are variously proposed for felling on the grounds of lying close to the boundary of the golf course, or for unspecified landscape reasons. Neither of these grounds are in themselves sufficient to justify removal.

We are concerned that a number of trees proposed for removal are on the site of or near to the site of a proposed new show court. No removal of those trees should be permitted unless and until the application for that show court is determined.

Many of the trees are described as “scrub”, a derogatory term. Some result from previous coppicing, others are potentially valuable wetland species. Without a detailed survey as to their potential use and benefits, their proposed removal cannot be justified.

It is therefore our view that the application should be refused.

Yours sincerely

Chris Goodair  
Chair, Wimbledon Society Planning & Environment Committee