## Proposed tree work at 40 Queens Grove, London, NW8 6HH

## Barrell reference: 15412-Twap-01

## **Relevant background information:**

In 2015 a tree work application was submitted to the council to remove and replace two silver maples. A decision was issued on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 (Council reference: 2015/7250/T) granting consent to remove both trees. This was subject to the replanting of two Ginkgo biloba as advanced heavy standards with a girth size of 16-18 cm. The work to remove both trees was undertaken and the two new trees, as per the condition, were planted. Both replacement trees have successfully established and are growing well, along with several other newly planted trees within the rear garden.

The two silver maples subject to the current application are mature, approximately 18 m in height growing adjacent to the rear northern boundary of the garden. They have been previously reduced in height in the past with clear previous reduction points at approximately 12 m from ground level.

The trees are identified on the site plan (reference: 15412-TWAP-01-2023).

## Supporting information.

Plan 15412-TWAP-01-2023

Document ref: 15412-TWAP-01

Proposed works and reasons for the work:

**T1 & T2 (silver maples): Proposed work:** Reduce the crowns of both trees back to the original reduction points, approximately 6 - 8 m leaving the trees at approximately 10 - 12 m in height.

**Reason:** Maintain the trees at a reasonable height and reduce the risk of branch failure associated with weakness at the original reduction points.

Tree Preservation Order (TPO): TPO reference: C1143 2015



**Photo 1:** Showing trees 1 and 2, two silver maples growing on the rear northern boundary of 40 Queens Grove, London.



**Photo 2:** Showing trees 1 and 2. The yellow line indicates the extent of the proposed crown reduction which is approximately 6-8 m in height back to the original cutting points. The work will reduce the risk of branch failure at the previous cutting points which over time become weaker through decay as the regrowth increases. The work will also allow more light to the garden which will help the new landscaping and soft planting including new trees.



Image 3: A Google Earth image with the yellow line showing the site for reference.