

Delegated Report		Analysis sheet	Expiry Date:	09/05/2023
		N/A / attached	Consultation Expiry Date:	
Officer			Application Number(s)	
Nick Bell			2023/1323/T	
Application Address			Drawing Numbers	
14 Aberdare Gardens London NW6 3PY				
PO 3/4	Area Team Signature	C&UD	Authorised Officer Signature	
Proposal(s)				
REAR GARDEN: 3 x Limes (T4, T5 & T6) 3 x Limes – Crown reduce by up to 2.5m.				
Recommendation(s):		No objection to notification of intended works to tree(s) in a conservation area.		
Application Type:	Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area			

Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:	Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
Informatives:						
Consultations						
Adjoining Occupiers:	No. notified	00	No. of responses	01	No. of objections	01
			No. electronic	00		
Summary of consultation responses:	<p>The council received one consultation response summarised below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three similar trees on the rear boundary were most regrettably entirely felled at the adjacent property (16 Aberdare Gardens) despite several objections from neighbours a couple of years ago and this left a significant gap in the characteristic continuous green band of trees at the rear of gardens typically found in this Conservation Area (South Hampstead CA). <p>Whilst the proposed reduction in height of these trees by up to 2.5m is acceptable; for them to be also reduced in width by this same amount is excessive, as each tree is probably only around 4m wide in the first place (the trees are all tall and relatively narrow). Excessive reduction in width of T4, T5, T6 will further destroy the continuous green band of tree cover at the rear of these gardens, and will allow sightlines through the trees to the properties behind even when they are in full leaf, thereby destroying some of the screening and privacy benefits, and unnecessarily removing wildlife habitats.</p> <p>This characteristic band is described well in excerpts from Camden's Conservation Area Appraisal document for South Hampstead CA.</p> <p>Please can the proposed width reduction of T4, T5, T6 be restricted to only 1m each so as to help retain the continuous green band, whilst the height reduction can be the full 2.5m being requested?</p>					
Local Groups:	None received.					

Assessment

The s.211 is for the crown reduction of three lime trees that are in the rear garden of residential property situated within the South Hampstead Conservation Area.

The three mature lime trees form a row along the rear boundary of the garden. The trees have been managed by repeat crown reduction and form part of a green corridor that runs along the back of rear gardens at Aberdare Gardens and Goldhurst Terrace.

The wording of the originally proposed works was ambiguous. Contact was made with the agent and the proposed works reworded to a 2.5m crown reduction. This will result in the removal of less material than when the trees have been reduced historically.

The objection submitted relates to the originally proposed wording of the proposed, which was to reduce the width by 2.5m. The revised wording; a crown reduction of up to 2.5m, will result in a lesser lateral reduction than originally proposed and lesser than previous approved notifications.

It is not expedient for the council to serve a tree preservation order to object to the works.

The council does not object to the proposed works.