

Delegated Report

Officer	Application Number(s)
Liam Vincent	2023/2021/T

Application Address	
Flat 1 59 Compayne Gardens, London NW6 3DB	

Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN:
1 x Cherry laurel - Fell to ground level.

Recommendation(s):	Grant works to Tree(s) in CA
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Application Type:	Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area
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Consultations

Adjoining Occupiers:	No. notified	32	No. of responses	2	No. of objections	1
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Summary of consultation responses:	<p>One objection was received, as follows: <i>'This is a conservation area and we are all enjoying the green space. In addition we have many birds and other wildlife enjoying the trees. Unless it is dangerous to keep the tree we object to this application.'</i></p> <p>The other response was from the applicant themselves citing the toxicity of the foliage of this species and that their children would be exposed to risk by possibly ingesting it</p>
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CAAC/Local groups* comments: <small>*Please Specify</small>	None
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Assessment

The S.211 notification is to carry out removal of a four metre high Cherry Laurel tree in the rear garden of the private residence, Flat 1, 59 Compayne Gardens, situated within the South Hampstead Conservation Area. The tree is to be removed due to its toxic foliage and the risk that it could pose to humans and wildlife.

While it is acknowledged that the foliage of this shrub tree species can be considered a toxin, considerable quantities would have to be ingested to have a fatal effect, and is generally considered to be more appropriate to educate those who may come into contact with the plant <https://www.rhs.org.uk/prevention-protection/potentially-harmful-garden-plants>

The tree is of very low or negligible visibility from the public realm, and is not considered to be of cultural, historic significance or adding to the character of the conservation area; nor is it a rare or unusual species.

Therefore, it is not expedient for the Council to serve a TPO.