

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2023/3389/T

Application Address

31 Dartmouth Park Avenue, London NW5 1JL

Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Birch (T1) - Fell to ground level.

Recommendation(s):

Grant works to Tree(s) in CA

Application Type:

Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area

Consultations

Adjoining Occupiers:

No. notified

9

No. of responses

1

No. of objections

1

Summary of consultation responses:

None.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

From the Dartmouth Park CAAC:

"I suggest crown reduction and regular maintenance, including ivy removal from the lower trunk, to this healthy mature Birch tree.

Personally, I object to its felling."

Assessment

The S.211 notification is to carry out removal of a mature Birch tree in the rear garden of a private residence on Dartmouth Park Avenue, situated within the Dartmouth Park Conservation Area.

The work to reason for the proposed removal is that *'the tree has outgrown the space and blocks a lot of light to the garden and adjacent properties.'*

Whilst there is no automatic 'right to light' in relation to trees, the Council has no powers to prescribe particular management recommendations without the tree being protected by a tree preservation order.

As the tree is of very low / negligible visibility from the public realm, is not of unusual, rare species or any known cultural or historic value and is not an exemplary specimen, it is not expedient for the Council to serve a TPO.

Therefore, no objection can be made regarding the works to be carried out.