

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2023/3776/T

Application Address

Bromwich House, 1 Witanhurst Lane, London N6 6LT

Proposal(s)

IN GROUNDS:

- 5 x Lombardy Poplars (G1) Reduce back to previous cuts, leaving furnishing growth. Taking off 4m from the height and 2m from the lateral branches.
- 23 x Maples (G2) - Reduce crowns back to previous cuts, retaining the branches over the avenue driveway, taking off approx. 2.5m.
- 1 x Purple Sycamore (T3) Reduce crown back to previous cuts, taking off 3.5m on all aspects.
- 1 x dead Birch (T4) - Fell to ground level.

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

Consultations

Adjoining Occupiers:

No. notified

60

No. of responses

1

No. of objections

0

Summary of consultation responses:

None.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

From Highgate Neighbourhood Forum:

"This garden continues to provide a rich habitat for wildlife and can be viewed as a habitat extension for Highgate Cemetery. We should like to see a replacement planting of a more resilient tree."

Assessment

The S.211 notification is to carry out repeat pruning works to 5 x Lombardy Poplars, 23 x Maples and one 'Purple Sycamore' (total 29 trees) and the removal of one dead Birch within the grounds of a private residence on Witanhurst Lane, situated within the Highgate Village Conservation Area.

The repeat pruning works are considered good arboricultural management - this type of pruning has been carried out previously to these trees. The dead tree needs to be removed for health & safety reasons.

In line with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Council has no powers to secure replacement planting in these circumstances.

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.

The council does not object to the proposed works