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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)

PART OBJECTION TO SECTION 211 NOTICE OF WORKS TO TREE/S IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Address:

**34 Queen's Grove
London
NW8 6HN**

Proposal:

FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Horse Chestnut (T2) - Re-pollard at previous higher pruning points by removing approx. 1.5m of new growth. Leaving finished height of approx. 10m and a spread of 5m tip to tip.

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Pine (T3) - Fell to ground level.

1 x Silver Maple (T4) - Re-pollard to previous pruning points, removing approx. 4m of new growth.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 28 August 2023 and decided to **OBJECT** to the following work:

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Pine (T3) - Fell to ground level.

Reasons for objection:

- 1 The semi-mature Pine tree is highly visible from the public realm, from Queen's Grove, Woronzow Road and Norfolk Road. The tree contributes to the verdant character and appearance of the conservation area. The tree provides a high level of amenity to the public.
The tree appears to be in at least fair physiological condition and is a noteworthy

example of its species.

The tree forms a significant part of the group of trees in the rear garden of 34 Queen's Grove, especially as it is an evergreen species which continues to provide canopy cover and colour during the winter months when the majority of vegetation on the street is out of leaf.

It is a relatively narrow, medium-sized canopy species, particularly suited to this type of location and offers significant habitat provision while helping to mitigate the effects of climate change. The tree is far from achieving its ultimate size and form, and the level of public amenity it provides will increase over time.

It is alleged that the tree is contributing to property damage through the displacement of paving slabs in the rear garden of number 34 Queen's Grove, however the damage is not considered significant enough to justify the loss of the tree, and that an engineering solution could be found to mitigate the issue.

The Council objects to the work and a tree preservation order has been served to protect the amenity the tree provides and the character and appearance of the conservation area.

A Tree Preservation Order has been served on the tree/s and no work should be carried out without the prior consent of the Council.

However, the Council would not have any objection to the carrying out of the following works:

FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Horse Chestnut (T2) - Re-pollard at previous higher pruning points by removing approx. 1.5m of new growth. Leaving finished height of approx. 10m and a spread of 5m tip to tip.

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Informative(s):

- 1 This notice is valid for two years from the date of this letter or until the work is completed, whichever is the sooner.
- 2 You are advised that the appropriate standards for tree work are set out in BS 3998: 2010. Failure to ensure that the proposed works are carried out to these standards may result in damage to the tree(s) and may result in legal action by the Council.
- 3 Please note that any approval given by the Council does not give an exemption from the requirements to comply with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), or any other Acts offering protection to wildlife. Of particular note is the protection offered to bats, birds and their nests from construction works. For further information contact Natural England on 0300 060 3900 or www.naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer

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