

<b>Delegated Report</b>		<b>Analysis sheet</b>		<b>Expiry Date:</b>	20/10/2023
		N/A / attached		<b>Consultation Expiry Date:</b>	
<b>Officer</b>			<b>Application Number(s)</b>		
Nick Bell			2023/3743/T		
<b>Application Address</b>			<b>Drawing Numbers</b>		
Hillfield Court Belsize Avenue London NW3 4BE					
<b>PO 3/4</b>	<b>Area Team Signature</b>	<b>C&amp;UD</b>	<b>Authorised Officer Signature</b>		
<b>Proposal(s)</b>					
IN GROUNDS ADJACENT TO TUDOR CLOSE: 1 x Silver Birch (T30) - Fell to ground level. 1 x Copper Beech (T31) - Reduce the lateral branches of upper crown which overhang the garden of Flat 1, 26 Glenloch Road by 2m. 1 x Robinia (T37) - Remove 3 x low branches. 1 x Ash (T46a) - Fell to ground level. 1 x Norway Spruce (T49) - Fell to ground level.					
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		No objection to notification of intended works to tree(s) in a conservation area.			
<b>Application Type:</b>		Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area			

<b>Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:</b>	<b>Refer to Draft Decision Notice</b>					
<b>Informatives:</b>						
<b>Consultations</b>						
<b>Adjoining Occupiers:</b>	No. notified	<b>00</b>	No. of responses	<b>01</b>	No. of objections	<b>01</b>
			No. electronic	<b>00</b>		
<b>Summary of consultation responses:</b>	<p>7 site notices were erected to notify residents of the proposed works. The council received one consultation response which is below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Despite efforts, I cannot find where to comment on this application, on your planning site, I find the application but no link to comment. I live next to Hillfield Court and have respiratory problems. The trees on this estate are very important to me and my family as one of the few areas of mature trees to help filter the pollution created by the road traffic all around. We need these trees, our children need these trees. The Ash tree and the Norway spruce could be trimmed if there's a problem, not 'felled to the ground' We all know that planting more trees somewhere else is not a solution - please do not agree to this application.</li> </ul>					
<b>CAAC/Local groups* comments:</b> *Please Specify	None received.					

## Assessment

The s.211 notification is for the removal of a birch, an ash and a Norway spruce, and minor pruning of a copper beech, a Robinia and a golden Robinia.

The semi-mature birch tree is of low visibility from the public realm. The trees are not considered to significantly contribute to the character and appearance of the conservation area. The tree is leaning and has a climbing growing through its crown. The ash tree and the Norway spruce are young trees growing in extreme close proximity to older larger trees and are not afforded the space they require to be retained in the long-term.

The trees are not considered to be noteworthy examples of their species and are not of a rare species. The trees are of no known cultural or historic value. The trees provide some degree of habitat potential and help to combat climate change to some degree.

The proposed pruning works to the copper beech, Robinia and golden Robinia are considered minor in nature and not to be harmful to the amenity the trees provide or the character and appearance of the conservation area.

It is not expedient for the council to serve a tree preservation order to protect the trees.

The council does not object to the proposed works.