

Delegated Report		Analysis sheet		Expiry Date:		30/10/2023	
		N/A / attached		Consultation Expiry Date:			
Officer				Application Number(s)			
Nick Bell				2023/3887/T			
Application Address				Drawing Numbers			
15 Woodchurch Road London NW6 3PL							
PO 3/4		Area Team Signature		C&UD		Authorised Officer Signature	
Proposal(s)							
<p>FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Alder (T1) - Fell to ground level. 2 x Alder & 2 x Maple (G1) - Reduce back to previous points of reduction. REAR GARDEN: 1 x Pear (T2) - Remove weak limbs to suitable growth points. 1 x Ash (T3) - Reduce by 2m - 3m from height. 1 x Ash (T4) - Reduce by 2m - 3m from height.</p>							
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					
Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:		Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
Informatives:							
Consultations							
Adjoining Occupiers:		No. notified	07	No. of responses	01	No. of objections	00
				No. electronic	00		
Summary of consultation responses:		<p>The council received one consultation response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reason for the tree set to be felled is 'T1 Elder: Fell Storm damage, a symmetrical' [sic]. As best as I can determine from the photos provided, I cannot see how the tree is 'asymmetrical'. Surely felling is too drastic an option for this. Why can't the tree be reshaped, trimmed or pruned in some way? It appears to be very healthy as best as I can tell. I object to the felling of this tree as it seems yet again unnecessary destruction of an important asset to the area for environmental, wildlife habitat and other reasons. 					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: *Please Specify		None received.					

Assessment

The s.211 notification is for the removal of an alder tree and pruning works of two ash trees, two maple trees, an alder and a pear tree in the communal front and rear gardens of a residential block that is situated within the South Hampstead Conservation Area.

The alder tree in the front garden is highly visible from the public realm and contributes to the character and appearance of the conservation area. However, the tree has exposed cambium at the base and areas of decay/dysfunction which is considered to reduce the safe useful life expectancy of the tree.

The pruning elements of the proposed works are considered to be either of an acceptable level, minor in nature or repeat works.

The consultation response states that the alder (incorrectly referred to as an elder) appears to be healthy. The necrosis described is not visible in the documents submitted and was discovered upon visiting the site.

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.