

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2023/4369/T

Application Address

90 Lamb's Conduit Street WC1N 3LZ

Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Sycamore (T1) - Fell to ground level and poison stump.

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

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No. of responses

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No. of objections

2**Summary of consultation responses:**

Three responses were received, which are summarised as follows:

- *There is no reason to remove it, it's not causing any harm and appears to be in fine health...I want to protect and improve biodiversity...The trees in our garden help to mitigate the effects of air pollution*
- *We chose this place amongst other things because of the back yard, which seemed to respect greenery. We have soon learnt this is not a priority for the management team. We feel strongly against cutting down any trees.*
- *there can be no justification for the felling of any tree in an urban area like ours unless it is causing structural damage to adjacent buildings, and in this case there is no evidence of any such damage...The shelter and shade that it provides are becoming increasingly necessary as extreme heat becomes a permanent feature of our climate...It could be said to be currently too large, causing loss of light to the rest of the garden, but this problem would be much better dealt with by reducing the tree in question and the one next to it*

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None.

Assessment

The S.211 notification is to carry out works to a semi-mature Sycamore tree in the communal rear garden of a private residence block on Lamb's Conduit Street, situated within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

The work is to fell the Sycamore tree and poison the stump.

The reason for the works has been given as *'Tree is causing problems to residents in adj buliding'*.

As part of the notification the agent submitted photographic evidence that the stem and crown of the tree is very close to the building and has (as a result) been significantly reduced on a regular basis resulting in a poor structure. A site visit confirmed this to be the case and also found that the base of the tree is in extreme close proximity to a brick shed type of structure. The tree is considered to be in an unsustainable location for it to reach its ultimate size.

The Council does not have the powers to compel tree owners to carry out particular works.

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.