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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations 1999

REFUSAL OF CONSENT FOR WORKS TO TREE/S UNDER A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Address:
22B Harley Road
London
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Proposal:
REAR GARDEN: 1 x Tree of Heaven (T1) - Fell to ground level.

The Council has considered your application dated 10 October 2023 and decided to refuse consent for the following reason(s):

Reason(s) for Refusal

- 1 The TPO tree works application is for the removal of an *Ailanthus altissima* tree from the rear garden of a residential property that is situated within the Elsworth Conservation Area.

This large, mature tree is visible from the public realm and contributes to the character and appearance of the conservation area. The tree is visible between buildings, the tree provides amenity to the public. The tree has been crown reduced historically but has retained a broadly spreading, attractive crown.

The documents submitted with the application allege that the tree is contributing to

property damage at a neighbouring property. Crack monitoring data has been submitted with the application, however only two readings have been included which were taken on 04/08/22 and 03/10/22. The data is considered inconclusive and is not comprehensive enough to demonstrate cyclical movement which is typically vegetation-related.

The consultation responses demonstrate there is local support for the retention of the tree.

The application has been refused to protect the amenity the tree provides and the character and appearance of the conservation area.

Informative(s):

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If you are unhappy with the Council's decision you may appeal within 28 days of the date of this notice by writing to The Environment Team, Room 4/04, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer

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