

Delegated Report

Officer

Tom Little

Application Number(s)

2023/5279/T

Application Address

Gilling Court
Belsize Grove
London

Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: T4 Lime (T4) - Fell to ground level.
1 x Lombardy Poplar (T5) - Fell to ground level.

Recommendation(s):

No Objection to Works to Tree(s) in CA

Application Type:

Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area

Consultations

Adjoining Occupiers:

No. notified

35

No. of responses

0

No. of objections

1

Summary of consultation responses:

The Council received one objection to the notification as follows:

I object to removing T5 the Lombardy Poplar, a slow-growing, shallow-rooted tree, and very beautiful. T5 adds to the beauty of rear aspects of neighbouring properties on Belsize Grove and Howitt Road.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None

Assessment

The notification alleges that the poplar is implicated in clay shrinkage subsidence occurring at an adjacent property. The evidence submitted is considered sufficient to demonstrate that, on the balance of probability, the tree is contributing to subsidence at the property.

The lime has low visibility from a public place, it is not a particularly large or noteworthy example of its species and has poor form. While evidence of the limes involvement in subsidence at the property is inconclusive, the allegations and the trees proximity to the damage further undermine the case for bringing this tree under the protection of a TPO.

It would not be expedient to bring these trees under the protection of a tree preservation order.