

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2024/1156/T

Application Address

33 Highgate West Hill, London N6 6NL

Proposal(s)

FRONT GARDEN:

1 x Sycamore (T1) - Reduce crown by 4m.

1 x Sycamore (T2) - Reduce crown by 4m.

14 x Yews (G1) - Reduce height by 40%, (4m), prune back from gardens and prune back side over trade delegation by up to 2m.

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

0

No. of responses

2

No. of
objections

2

Summary of consultation responses:

The Council received no public consultation responses

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

The Council received two responses from CAAC / local groups, which can be summarised as follows:

- Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee – *Although there would be no objection to some reduction to any of these trees, we feel that a reduction of 40% is excessive and may harm and/or disfigure the trees in question.*
- Highgate Neighbourhood Forum – *40% seems a large reduction in the size of the yews...The sycamores are tall semi-mature trees making a significant contribution to local visual amenity and habitat...4 metre reduction seems excessive.*

Assessment

A s.211 notification has been submitted to reduce two individual Sycamore trees (T1 & T2) and a group of Yew trees (G1, a hedge consisting of 14 stems), in the grounds of the Russian Trade Delegation site on Highgate West Hill, situated within the Village Conservation Area.

The work is to reduce the crowns of T1 & T2 by 4m, and the height of G1 by 4m, prune back from the rear gardens of properties on Westhill Park (residential street) and a lateral 2m on the interior side of the site.

No reasons for works are required for s.211 notifications.

The trees are of negligible visibility from a public place, are not rare or unusual species and the works are not considered detrimental to their long-term health.

Therefore, it is not expedient for the Council to serve a Tree Protection Order to protect the trees.

The Council does not object to the proposed works.