

Delegated Report

Officer

Tom Little

Application Number(s)

2023/5414/T

Application Address

Flat A
2 Belsize Park
London
NW3 4ET

Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: 1 x London Plane (T1) - Raise canopy of the tree to crown break at 10m above patio level. Reduce the lower crown spread by drawing-in side laterals of the crown by up to 3m to a height of 20m above patio level.

Recommendation(s):

Object to works to trees in a conservation area

Application Type:

Notification of works to trees in a conservation area

Consultations

Adjoining Occupiers:

No. notified

28

No. of responses

2

No. of objections

2

Summary of consultation responses:

None

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

The Hampstead CAAC submitted the following objection:

HCAAC Objects to the proposal - No apparent reason for seeking to fell. Street view adverse effect.

The Belsize Society submitted the following objection:

I am writing on behalf of the Belsize Society to object to the proposed felling of the two lime trees at 2 Belsize Park. These two mature trees are adjacent to and highly prominent in the street and they make a positive contribution to the streetscape. We request that they are given TPO status

Assessment

The limes are highly visible from the street and make a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the conservation area. The trees are considered to be of sufficient quality to justify serving a tree preservation order (TPO)

The 211 notification of works the trees in a conservation area states that the reason for the works is to slow damage to the front boundary wall. Damage to a boundary wall would not necessarily be considered a sufficient reason to remove a tree that is considered worthy of being brought under the protection of a TPO, it is recommended that alternative engineering solutions allowing for the retention of the trees and allowing for future growth are explored.

It is recommended that a TPO is served to protect the visual amenity the trees provide and preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area.

The Council has no objection to the removal of the lilac.