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Ms Yan Jing
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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)

OBJECTION TO SECTION 211 NOTICE OF WORKS TO TREE/S IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Address:
9 Ellerdale Road
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Description:
FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Magnolia (T1) - Remove limb over public footpath and reduce overextending branches on remaining tree by 1.5m.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 11 May 2024 and decided to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:

Reasons for objection:

- 1 A S.211 notification was submitted to prune a Magnolia tree in the front garden of a private residence on Ellerdale Road, which is located within the Fitzjohns Netherhall conservation area. The tree is of a small-medium size, approximately 6-7m tall and a 5m (average) crown diameter, and the crown is exhibiting excellent health. The tree crown has been reduced previously, and the re-growth is around 1.5m.
The tree is growing from a position behind a brick built wall with a wooden trellis top, which obscures the view of the stem, but the crown is of an attractive spreading form that is very visible above the wall from Ellerdale Road and Prince Arthur Road. The tree makes a positive contribution to the verdant character of the conservation area, softening the visible appearance of the built structures on the junction.

The proposed works are to 'Remove limb over public footpath and reduce overextending branches on remaining tree by 1.5m', and reasons given by the applicant for the works are for 'public security. It is a very old tree and about two thirds of its crown currently overhangs outside of my property. It is potentially a public hazard during windy days'.

The portion of the works 'Remove limb over public footpath' is too severe - this will significantly reduce the visual amenity that the tree provides to the street scene. There is no evidence to support that the structure of the tree is in anyway compromised, and it is a fact that any tree is potentially a hazard during windy days.

The reasons for the work are not robust enough to justify the proposed works.

The Council objects to the proposed removal, and it is recommended that a Tree Preservation Order be served to protect the amenity the tree provides and to help preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area.

Recommendation: That the Head of Legal Services be instructed to issue and serve a Tree Preservation Order on 1 x Tree of Heaven at 142 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 2AY

A Tree Preservation Order has been served on the tree/s and no work should be carried out without the prior consent of the Council.

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer

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