

Delegated Report

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| Officer | | Application Number(s) | | | |
| Liam Vincent | | 2024/1859/T | | | |
| Application Address | | | | | |
| 9 Ellerdale Road NW3 6BA | | | | | |
| Proposal(s) | | | | | |
| FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Magnolia (T1) - Remove limb over public footpath and reduce overextending branches on remaining tree by 1.5m. | | | | | |
| Recommendation(s): | | Objection to proposed works to a tree in a conservation area | | | |
| Application Type: | | Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area | | | |
| Consultations | | | | | |
| Adjoining Occupiers: | No. notified | 0 | No. of responses | 0 | No. of objections |
| Summary of consultation responses: | The Council did not receive any responses from adjoining occupiers to this notification. | | | | |
| CAAC/Local groups* comments: *Please Specify | None received | | | | |

Assessment

The Council has received a S.211 notification 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 works, and is serving a Tree Preservation Order to protect the character of the conservation area.