

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2024/2068/T

Application Address

8 St Alban's Road, London NW5 1RD

Proposal(s)

FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Cherry (T1) - Fell to ground level.

Recommendation(s):

No objection to notification of intended works to tree(s) in a conservation area.

Application Type:

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

Consultations

Adjoining Occupiers:

No. notified

9

No. of responses

1

No. of objections

1

Summary of consultation responses:

The Council received one response to the application, which is summarised as follows:

I object to this application on the following grounds:

- *veteran tree of considerable age and character which cannot easily or quickly be replaced*
- *It is a key component of the rich and varied arboreal tapestry of St Alban's Road*
- *Large, old trees such as this one provide shade and shelter in summer and help soak up surface water during periods of heavy rain*
- *As a general principle, we should be increasing the number of trees in our neighbourhood, not cutting them down.*

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None received

Assessment

The S.211 notification is to remove a small (c.4m tall), mature Cherry tree in the front garden of a private residence on St Alban's Road, situated within the Dartmouth Park Conservation Area.

The proposed work to fell the Cherry tree is due to the tree showing 'signs of stress and infection'.

A site visit has confirmed that the tree has a very sparse canopy, with a high level of tip dieback and deadwood throughout. The growth that is present is of low vigour, being short and not extending much beyond initial flush growth. The tree appears to be in a state of terminal decline, and its amenity value is low.

A replacement tree cannot be conditioned as part of a s.211 notification. Due to the condition of the tree, it is not expedient for the Council to serve a TPO. Therefore, the council does not object to the proposed works.