

# Delegated Report

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Application Number(s)</b>
Liam Vincent	2024/1927/T

<b>Application Address</b>	
Foley House 11 East Heath Road NW3 1DA	

<b>Proposal(s)</b>
SIDE GARDEN: 1 x Lime (T1) - Fell close to ground level by sectional lopping and roping down as necessary.

<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	<b>Objection to proposed works to a tree in a conservation area</b>
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<b>Application Type:</b>	<b>Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area</b>
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## Consultations

<b>Adjoining Occupiers:</b>	No. notified	<b>3</b>	No. of responses	<b>0</b>	No. of objections	<b>0</b>
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<b>Summary of consultation responses:</b>	The Council did not receive any responses from adjoining occupiers to this notification.
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<b>CAAC/Local groups* comments:</b> *Please Specify	None received
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## Assessment

The Council has received a S.211 notification to remove a mature Lime tree in the side garden of a private residence on East Heath Road, which is located within the Hampstead conservation area. The tree is of a large size, over 14m tall and the crown is exhibiting excellent health. The tree crown does not appear to have been reduced previously, but has been maintained historically with crown lifting over the highway. There are three main stems with no obvious signs of dysfunction. The tree is growing from a position behind a low brick built wall topped with a tall (>2m tall) wooden fence, which obscures the view of the stem. The crown is of an attractive spreading form that is very visible above the fence from East Heath Road and Well Walk. The tree forms part of a larger cohesive group with those along the highway, also part of the green corridor that runs from the Heath to the east.

The tree makes a positive contribution to the leafy, verdant character of the conservation area, providing natural habitat, softening the visible appearance of the built structures surrounding it, and helping to combat climate change.

The proposed removal will significantly reduce the amenity that the tree provides. Whilst there is visible distortion to the wall structure immediately adjacent to the base of the tree, an engineering

solution is available to remediate this, the tree accommodated and the benefits it provides preserved.

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

The Council objects to the proposed works, and a Tree Preservation Order has been served to protect the amenity the tree provides and the character and appearance of the conservation area.