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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations 1999

REFUSAL OF CONSENT FOR WORKS TO TREE/S UNDER A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Address:
16 Belsize Park Gardens
London
NW3 4LD

Proposal:
FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Lime (T1) - Reduce height by removing around 5m to establish a new pollard at around 8m (to match pollarded height of plane tree adjacent at number 20). Remove remaining growth back to previous points and remove epicormic growth from main stem and around base.

The Council has considered your application dated 27 February 2024 and decided to refuse consent for the following reason(s):

Reason(s) for Refusal

- 1 The lime is highly visible for some distance along Belsize Park Gardens and provides a considerable degree of visual amenity to the public it also makes a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the conservation area. The tree would appear to be in good condition with no obvious structural defects. It has been managed by regular reduction but has a reasonable amount of branching scaffold structure within the crown which retains a degree of natural appearance and enhances its visual appearance. The tree is protected by a tree preservation order.

The proposed works to reduce the tree by 5m to 8m in height would remove a significant amount of the trees branching crown leaving it as an upright totem with very little scaffold retained. The proposed works would also result in large diameter cuts which would be likely to significantly reduce the safe useful life expectancy of the tree and are not in line with the British Standard BS3998:2010 Tree work - recommendations. It is considered that the proposed works would significantly impact on the visual amenity the tree provides and have a detrimental effect on the character and appearance of the conservation area. The reasons stated in the application are regular cyclical maintenance, reducing encroachment over the road and footpath and to form a more compact and manageable crown. None of these reasons are considered to be sufficient to justify works which would have such a significant impact on the appearance and safe useful life expectancy of a tree that is worthy of protection under a tree preservation order.

The application has been refused to protect the visual amenity the tree provides and preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area.

Informative(s):

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If you are unhappy with the Council's decision you may appeal within 28 days of the date of this notice by writing to The Environment Team, Room 4/04, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer

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