

Delegated Report

Officer		Application Number(s)					
Liam Vincent		2024/1289/T					
Application Address							
9 Inglewood Road NW6 1QT							
Proposal(s)							
(TPO REF C629 2006) REAR GARDEN: 1 x Sycamore (T1) - Fell to ground level.							
Recommendation(s):		Refuse works to tree(s) covered by a Tree Preservation Order					
Application Type:		Application for works to tree(s) covered by a Tree Preservation Order					
Consultations							
Adjoining Occupiers:		No. notified	16	No. of responses	2	No. of objections	1
Summary of consultation responses:		The Council receive two responses to this notification, which can be summarised as follows: 1. Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">This application is necessary for safety reasons. Due to the growth of the roots of this tree above ground level, this tree is unfortunately causing extensive damage to boundary fencingAs there are children playing in these gardens, there is a significant safety risk if the fencing were to fall on them 2. Object <ul style="list-style-type: none">the main reason (to fell the tree) is purely aestheticthe applicant who wishes to commit this heinous act is not even the owner of the tree					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: *Please Specify		None received					

Assessment

The Council has received an application to fell a mature Sycamore tree in the rear garden of a private residence on Inglewood Road, which is located within the West End Green conservation area. The reasons for work have been stated as

- Over mature for garden, unsuitable for reduction given the characteristics of the tree and regrowth pattern, decay pockets, girdled roots, decay at the base, affecting the neighbours, blocking light, affecting the boundary

There has been no evidence to quantify the amount of decay in the stem / basal area submitted to support the application, therefore the reasons for removal of a tree protected by a TPO are not considered robust enough to justify its removal. Contact with the agent was made requesting more information but it was not forthcoming. As such, it is recommended that the application be refused.