

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2024/2757/T

Application Address

Flat 1B, 40 Frognal NW3 6AG

Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN:

1 x Cherry (T1) - Reduce lateral and vertical growth by 2m - 3m approx. Thin by 10%.

1 x Robinia (T2) - Fell to ground level.

1 x Sycamore (T3) - Reduce lateral and vertical growth by 2m - 3m approx. Thin by 10%.

T4 Yew (T4) - Reduce lateral and vertical growth by 2m - 3m approx. Thin by 10%.

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

21

No. of responses

9

No. of objections

3

Summary of consultation responses:

The Council received six supports for the proposed works and three objections, which are summarised as follows:

- SUPPORT:**

- Trees need to be properly maintained; it is the first time in 23 years subject to any maintenance; our garden is in full shade in summer; T2 is leaning at 60/70 degrees growing from within a large conifer tree canopy
- necessary in this urban environment for safety; overcrowded leading to lack of sunlight and dieback to undergrowth
- balances the preservation of natural greenery with the practical needs for safety and maintenance.

- OBJECT:**

- tenants do not own the trees; Intended reduction to Ts 1, 3, and 4 is excessive; felling T2 is wholly unjustified, that tree (a beautiful, healthy Robinia) constitutes no threat to life nor to property and therefore does not meet the criteria for felling a tree in a conservation area; The rear gardens in Frognal shelter wild life, especially song birds. We have already suffered a very serious reduction in the song bird population. Felling and reducing trees has the obvious effect of reducing habitat; We are seeking to combat climate change and to promote greener living.
- T1, 3 & 4 - 3m would be far too much; T2 - a magnificent tree

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None.

Assessment

The S.211 notification is to remove one tree and reduce the vertical and lateral growth of three trees by 2-3m in the rear garden of a private residence on Frognal, which falls within the Redington Frognal Conservation Area.

There have been a number of responses received both supporting and objecting to the proposed works.

T1, 3 & 4 are proposed to be pruned by 2-3m on the vertical and lateral aspects. This is not considered to be work that would have a significant, negative impact on these trees, and is not considered detrimental to their long-term health.

T2 – proposed for removal, is growing within and through the canopy of an adjacent evergreen tree.

None of the trees are of a rare or unusual species, are not exemplary specimens, nor have any known cultural or historic significance. While it is regrettable to remove any trees, it would not be expedient to serve a TPO to protect these trees.

A s211 notification can be made by anyone, irrespective of ownership.

The Council does not object to the proposed works.