

Delegated Report

Officer		Application Number(s)					
Liam Vincent		2024/3016/T					
Application Address							
111 Cholmley Gardens NW6 1UP							
Proposal(s)							
REAR GARDEN: 1 x Cherry (T1) - Fell to ground level. 1 x Crab Apple (T2) - Reduce by 1m.							
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	30	No. of responses	1	No. of objections	1
Summary of consultation responses:		The Council received one response to the proposed works, which is summarised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>The cherry tree is in need of pruning as some branches have died, which might be due to ivy growing up the trunk and the fact that someone has put a tight wire round the trunk. It is a valuable habitat for insects and birds, especially the tits and is a beautiful sight in spring outside our back windows. It also provides much needed shade to the communal garden. The crab apple is also in need of a bit of a prune but 1 metre is excessive and, again, it is a valuable habitat for insects and birds and creates shade, again, for the communal garden. It is also a delight to see in the Spring when in bloom. We would object to cherry being felled and would also object to excessive pruning of the crab apple.</i>					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: <small>*Please Specify</small>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">None received.					

Assessment

The S.211 notification is to remove a Cherry tree (T1) and prune a Crab Apple tree (T2) in the rear garden of a private residence on Cholmley Gardens, which is within the West End Green Conservation Area.

The reasons for the proposed removal of T1 are:

- tree has quickly declined in health. Half the crown is dead and there is lateral cracking on the stems of the in-leaf part of the crown. Tree is over a footpath behind.*

The pruning of the Crab Apple is not considered significant or detrimental to the long-term health of the tree.

Both trees are of very low / negligible visibility from a public space. Neither tree is of a rare or unusual species, are noteworthy examples of their species, or are of historic or cultural significance.

It would not be expedient to TPO the tree.

The Council does not object to the proposed works.