

Delegated Report

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| Officer | Application Number(s) | | | | | |
| Liam Vincent | 2024/2982/T | | | | | |
| Application Address | | | | | | |
| 10 The Grove N6 6LB | | | | | | |
| Proposal(s) | | | | | | |
| (TPO REF: C7-T29) REAR GARDEN: 1 x Holly (T11) - Lift to 3m above the road and prune back to kerblin. | | | | | | |
| Recommendation(s): | Grant consent for 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 | 0 | No. of responses | 2 | No. of objections | 2 |
| Summary of consultation responses: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">None received. | | | | | |
| CAAC/Local groups* comments: *Please Specify | Highgate CAAC responded as follows: <i>This application to crown lift a nice TPO holly tree by 3m and prune it back from the road seems excessive. The overall good shape of the tree must be taken into consideration if any works are undertaken.</i> Highgate Neighbourhood Forum responded as follows: <i>Three metres above the road seems excessive and would spoil the form of the tree.</i> | | | | | |

Assessment

The Council has received an application to prune a medium sized, early – mature Holly tree in the rear / side garden of a private residence on The Grove, which is located within the Highgate Village conservation area. The work is to crown lift the canopy to 3m above the road and prune it back to kerblin.

The tree is visible from The Grove and Fitzroy Park which it overhangs. The tree contributes to the verdant character and appearance of the conservation area, providing a reasonable level of amenity to the public, especially as it is an evergreen species which continues to provide canopy cover and colour during the winter months when the majority of vegetation nearby is out of leaf.

It is a healthy tree of reasonably good form, but is not an exemplary specimen and forms part of the larger grouping of trees along the boundary of the property. During a site visit it was found that the tree overhangs a busy access road. This proposed lifting is not excessive and will give ample clearance to the vehicles that use the road, many of which are higher sided. The pruning will help to avoid possible vehicle strike damage to the branches forming the lower canopy.

It is recommended that consent be granted to prune the Holly as specified.