

Delegated Report

Officer		Application Number(s)					
Liam Vincent		2024/3541/T					
Application Address							
36 Frognal NW3 6AG							
Proposal(s)							
FRONT GARDEN: 2 x Cabbage Palms (T1 & T2) - Fell to ground level and grind/treat stumps with ecofriendly pellets.							
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	29	No. of responses	3	No. of objections	2
Summary of consultation responses:		<p>The Council received three responses to the proposed works, which are summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>It does not seem necessary to destroy these palms which add to the appeal and the aesthetic of the entire street. Work to fix the problem should address the tree roots rather than simply removing them.</i> <i>There has been extensive felling of trees and bushes all along that side of Frognal and it has caused quite a lot of detriment to the street.</i> <i>T2 is not impacting the drain. This is the third removal of a tree from this property as well as several from the road. Trees support drainage, cooling, and natural habitats for birds, bees and bats. Removing trees should be an absolute last resort</i> 					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: <small>*Please Specify</small>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None received 					

Assessment

A s.211 notification has been received regarding the removal of two Cabbage Palm trees (*Cordyline australis*) from the front garden of a private property on Frognal, which falls within the Redington Frognal conservation area. The trees are readily visible on the street. They are of a poor form due to a previous crown reduction operation, carried out to abate a structural issue with a drain shaft, situated in the front garden between the two trees. The roots of the trees have damaged the structure, and it now needs replacing, as the reduction did not solve the issue. The replacement operation will require the removal of T1, and the severance of stability roots of T2. The stability of T2 will be compromised and pose a threat to the surrounding area.

The trees are not noteworthy examples of their species, or are of historic or cultural significance. Due to this and their poor form, it would not be expedient to serve a TPO to protect them.

The Council does not object to the proposed works.