Delegated Report	
Officer	Application Number(s)
Liam Vincent	2024/4046/T
Application Address	

74 Fitzjohn's Avenue NW3 5LS

## Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Cypress (T5) - Reduce overlong extraneous branches by up to approx. 2m back into main crown structure. (See photo).

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	1	No. of responses	1	No. of objections	0		
Summary of consultation responses:	<ul> <li>The Council received one comment which is summarised as follows:</li> <li>We have received a letter informing us that an application had been made to cut down some branches of our tree. I followed the link and found out that the application was made by our neighbour.</li> <li>We have no objections provided the works are carried out by professional tree surgeons. Overcutting branches of that type of tree kills the branch (I believe cutting more than a third) and should really be undertaken by professionals.</li> </ul>							
CAAC/Local groups* comments: *Please Specify	None received							

## **Assessment**

The s.211 notification is to 'reduce overlong extraneous branches by up to approx. 2m back into main crown structure' on a Cypress tree (T5) in the rear garden of a private residence on Fitzjohn's Avenue Compayne Gardens, which is within the Fitzjohns Netherhall Conservation Area. The reason for the work is that the branches are overhanging the neighbouring (applicants) garden.

The work is not significant and the scope of the works is minimal. The concern regarding who carries out the work and to what extent is noted, and is addressed by the condition within the decision notice:

You are advised that the appropriate standards for tree work are set out in BS 3998: 2010. Failure to ensure that the proposed works are carried out to these standards may result in damage to the tree(s) and may result in legal action by the Council.

- The tree is of low / negligible visibility from any public place.
- The tree is not of a rare species and is not a noteworthy example of its species.
- The tree is of no known cultural or historical significance.

It is not expedient to serve a TPO to object to the proposed pruning.

The Council does not object to the proposed works.