

# Delegated Report

<b>Officer</b>		<b>Application Number(s)</b>					
Liam Vincent		2024/4042/T					
<b>Application Address</b>							
Flat 1 25 Belsize Park NW3 4DU							
<b>Proposal(s)</b>							
FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Pine [T5] - Fell to ground level. 1 x Laburnum [T4] - Fell to ground level.							
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		<b>No objection to notification of intended works to tree(s) in a conservation area.</b>					
<b>Application Type:</b>		<b>Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area</b>					
<b>Consultations</b>							
<b>Adjoining Occupiers:</b>		No. notified	<b>27</b>	No. of responses	<b>1</b>	No. of objections	<b>1</b>
<b>Summary of consultation responses:</b>		None received.					
<b>CAAC/Local groups* comments:</b> <small>*Please Specify</small>		The Council received one comment submission from The Belsize Society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For the Belsize Society: we object to the felling of these two trees. They are mature trees, highly visible from Belsize Park, and positively contribute to the streetscape. They also add variety to the trees in the street.</li></ul>					

## Assessment

The s.211 notification is to remove two trees, a Laburnum tree (*Laburnum anagyroides*) (T4) and a Pine tree (*Pinus sp.*) (T5) from front rear garden of a private residence on Belsize Park, which is within the Belsize Park Conservation Area. No reasons have been given for the work, though this is not a requirement for a s.211 notification.

- The trees are plainly visible from Belsize Park.
- T4 has a highly distinctive and colourful canopy, the densely packed flowers being an attractive bright yellow colour.
- T5 is an evergreen species, adding colour to the local landscape during the winter months.
- Both trees add interest and make a positive contribution to the setting.
- However, neither tree is a noteworthy example of its species – T4 has a number of poorly formed, tight, 'V'-shaped unions low on the multiple stems, which present structural compromise. T5 is growing too close to another evergreen tree, which has resulted in a partially suppressed canopy formation.
- T5 is in an unsustainable location.
- Neither tree is of any known cultural or historical significance.

While the loss of any tree is regrettable, given these considerations, it is not expedient to serve Tree Preservation Orders to object to the proposed removals.

The Council does not object to the proposed works.