

# Delegated Report

## Officer

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## Application Number(s)

2024/4175/T

## Application Address

49 Belsize Park Gardens NW3 4JL

## Proposal(s)

(TPO REF: 25H-T22) FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Lime (T1) - Reduce all round by up to 3m - 4m past previous reduction points to reduce the weight from crown.

## Recommendation(s):

Refuse application for works to tree covered by a TPO

## Application Type:

Application for works to a tree covered by a TPO

## Consultations

### Adjoining Occupiers:

No. notified

0

No. of responses

10

No. of objections

9

### Summary of consultation responses:

None received

### CAAC/Local groups\* comments:

\*Please Specify

For the Belsize Society: *the proposed reduction of 3-4m beyond previous reduction points appears excessive, and will result in this tree being considerably shorter than other nearby pollarded trees.*

## Assessment

TPO application proposing to reduce the canopy of the Lime tree (T1) in the front garden beyond the previous points of reduction by 3-4m due to the tree leaning and cracking the low front boundary wall. The work is proposed to reduce the weight of the canopy.

- The tree is leaning away from the property in a similar fashion to the other front garden trees nearby.
- The damage to the wall appears to be the displacement of the capping stone only, which is being pushed laterally out towards the footpath due to being in contact with the stem of the tree.
- There is no evidence presented that the lean is progressing at a pace that would suggest anything other than incremental growth of the stem.
- The tree is one of a small number in the front gardens of the street – there are no LB Camden highways trees.
- The level of pruning proposed is too severe and would significantly reduce the visual amenity that the tree provides, and the positive contribution it makes to the street-scene.
- An engineering solution could be found to repair the wall structure.

It is recommended that the proposed works are refused.