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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)
**PART OBJECTION TO SECTION 211 NOTICE OF WORKS TO TREE/S IN A
CONSERVATION AREA**

Address:
**48 Fellows Road
London
NW3 3LH**

Proposal:
FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Silver Birch (T1) - Fell to ground level.
1 x Photinia tree (T2) - Reduce crown by approx. 1m.
1 x Pyracantha (T3) - Reduce crown by approx. 1m.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 06 November 2024 and decided to **OBJECT** to the following work:

Front Garden:
1 x Silver Birch (T1) - Fell to ground level.

Reasons for objection:

- 1 This large (>14m tall) tree is of healthy appearance, with a largely balanced crown, is highly visible from Fellows Road. The tree makes a positive contribution to the leafy, verdant character of the conservation area, providing a rich natural habitat, softening the visible appearance of the built structures surrounding it, and helping to combat climate change. The proposed removal will significantly reduce the amenity that the tree provides.

- 2 No evidence submitted conclusively supports the removal of the tree - only photos of the cracking damage have been provided. No evidence shows any reason or pattern to the movement of the cracks, no ground investigations have taken place analysing the soil structure or any root identification.
This is not robust enough to justify the proposed removal of the tree.
- 3 The Council objects to the proposed removal of the Birch tree as this will have a significant and negative impact upon the local landscape. It is recommended that a Tree Preservation Order be served to protect the amenity the tree provides and the character and appearance of the conservation area.

A Tree Preservation Order has been served on the tree/s and no work should be carried out without the prior consent of the Council.

However, the Council would not have any objection to the carrying out of the following works:

Front Garden:

1 x Photinia tree (T2) - Reduce crown by approx. 1m.

1 x Pyracantha (T3) - Reduce crown by approx. 1m.

Informative(s):

- 1 This notice is valid for two years from the date of this letter or until the work is completed, whichever is the sooner.
- 2 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.
- 3 Please note that any approval given by the Council does not give an exemption from the requirements to comply with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), or any other Acts offering protection to wildlife. Of particular note is the protection offered to bats, birds and their nests from construction works. For further information contact Natural England on 0300 060 3900 or www.naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer

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