

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2024/5618/T

Application Address46 Hillway
London
N6 6EP**Proposal(s)**

REAR GARDEN: 3 x Ash (T1 - T3) - Fell to ground level.

Recommendation(s):

No Objection to Works to Tree(s) in CA

Application Type:

Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area

Consultations**Adjoining Occupiers:**

No. notified

3

No. of responses

1

No. of objections

0**Summary of consultation responses:**

I would like to comment that I hope before any permission is granted - full consideration is been given to the following:

1. The environment - removing these trees deprives wildlife of an important resource. I often see Woodpeckers and Jays on these trees, as well as other more common birds. The trees provide an important source of oxygen improving air quality.

2. The impact on surrounding buildings and land - the trees are very large and on a steep part of Hillway next to flats on Makepeace Avenue and possibly felling the trees could have an impact on the stability on these buildings. Removing a tree can potentially damage a building's foundation because the tree roots stabilise the soil around it.

3. Whether the complete felling of these trees is necessary due to ash dieback. These are mature trees which may potentially survive or be resistant to the disease and it may be important to preserve any trees that may be resistant if the population of ash trees is to survive in this country.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None

Assessment

Of the three lime trees growing in the rear garden of 46 Hillway the outer two would appear to have been suppressed by adjacent trees. The one to the south has fairly extensive lean and both are relatively suppressed in comparison to the central individual. The central one would appear to be relatively tall. All three were partially reduced last year. While due to the lack of leaves and relatively small amount of twigs it is a little difficult to identify the extent of the alleged infection of ash dieback in the trees they would appear to be in poor health and photos of these trees submitted in 2023 before the reduction would suggest some dieback overall and weakened growth of the foliage. The base of the trees are rooted over a small wall and rocks within the ground which could potentially impact on the strength of rooting and base of the main stem.

Under the circumstances the trees are not considered to be worthy of being brought under the protection of a tree preservation order