

Delegated Report

Officer

Tom Little

Application Number(s)

2025/0360/T

Application Address

14 Prince Arthur Road
London
NW3 6AU

Proposal(s)

(TPO REF: C1237 2020) REAR GARDEN: 3 x Limes (T1-T3) - Create new pollard points at about 8m - 10m high (effectively a 2m - 4m crown reduction from the last pollard points) and then allow the trees to be pruned back to these new pollard points every 2-3 years

Recommendation(s):

Refuse Works (TPO)

Application Type:

Application for Works to Tree(s) covered by a TPO

Consultations**Adjoining Occupiers:**

No. notified

1

No. of responses

1

No. of objections

0

Summary of consultation responses:

I lived previously at 14 Prince Arthur Road and I agree with the assessment made in support of this application.
The lime trees had been allowed to grow extremely tall even before we lived there. We had concerns about the debris which the current owner has described and it was reaching unmanageable levels ten years ago. We moved away unexpectedly or would have made a similar application. The reduced height proposed seems very reasonable and would still attract wildlife and provide greenery, but would make it safer for the use of the residential gardens below

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None

Assessment

The three lime trees are of a similar size and form, and form a cohesive group in the rear garden of a residential property situated within the Fitzjohns/Netherhall Conservation Area. The trees are lapsed pollards and have been managed by reduction. They are approx. 16m in height.

The group of trees is visible from the public realm when looking north from Prince Arthur Road as no. 14 is semi-detached, affording views into the rear garden. The group of trees is considered to provide visual amenity to the public and to contribute to the character and appearance of this part of the conservation area. The group of trees provide privacy and help to combat climate change.

The application lists falling detritus and potential high winds as reasons for carrying out the reduction works.

The proposed reduction works are significantly beyond the established points of reduction and would require cuts of wide diameter which can potentially cause significant damage to the health of the trees in question and reduce the visual amenity and ecological contribution provided by the trees. It is considered that there is no proof supporting the reasons given or showing that they are an excessive issue. Also that the proposed works might cause a relatively small reduction on these problems and would negatively impact on the health, visual and ecological provision of the trees.

It is recommended that the application to reduce the TPO lime trees to new reduction points is refused.