

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2025/0880/T

Application Address

Flat A, 62 Caversham Road NW5 2DS

Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Laurel (T1) - Fell to ground level.

1 x Chamaecyparis tree (T2) - Fell to the ground level.

1 x Sycamore (T3) - Fell to ground level.

1 x Sycamore (T5) - Fell to ground level.

1 x Portuguese Laurel (T6) - Fell to ground level.

Recommendation(s):

No objection to notification of intended works to tree(s) in a conservation area.

Application Type:

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

Consultations

Adjoining Occupiers:

No. notified

9

No. of responses

1

No. of objections

0

Summary of consultation responses:

The notification of intended works received one response objecting to the works: *Please do not fell trees in a conservation area unless they pose safety concerns or clear damages. Felling trees in a conservation area affect neighbours and wildlife, and have longer term impact on air quality. We love the canopy these trees offer, and the birds and other small wildlife that use them. Please consider alternative options such as trimming, pruning and pollarding instead.*

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

- None received

Assessment

The s.211 notification is to remove five trees from the rear garden of a private residence on Caversham Road, which is within the Bartholomew Estate conservation area.

T1, T2 and T6 are small – medium height (5-7m tall). T3 and T5 are medium height trees, at around 10m tall.

T1 and T2 are of poor form. T1 has damage to the stem and is of low vitality. T3 is also of poor form and in an unsustainable location. T5 has a significant structural defect at the base – its continued safety is compromised. T6 is in an unsustainable location. Additionally, there are larger trees of better form and vigour close by.

- The smaller trees are of limited visibility.
- The trees are not known to be of any cultural or historical importance.
- The trees are not a rare or unusual species.
- The trees are not exemplary of their species.
- The Council cannot compel an owner to carry out specific works as per the objection received.

The Council can either object to intended works and serve a TPO, or make no objection.

For the reasons stated above, it is not expedient to serve a Tree Preservation Order to object to the proposed works.

The Council does not object to the proposed works.