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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:

**24 College Crescent  
London  
NW3 5LL**

Proposal:

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Apple (T2) - Reduce crown by 30% back to previous growth point 2m of height and 1.5m of width.

1 x Blue Atlas Cedar (T3) - Fell to ground level.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 02 March 2025 and decided to **OBJECT** to the following work:

Blue Atlas Cedar (T3) – Fell to ground level.

Reasons for objection:

- 1 The s.211 notification is to prune an apple tree (T2) back to previous points of reduction and to remove a Blue Atlas Cedar (T3) from the rear garden of a private residence on College Crescent, which is within the Belsize Park conservation area.  
T2 and T3 are medium (c.6 - 8m tall) trees, situated on the side boundary of the rear garden at 24 College Crescent. Both are highly visible from Belsize Park and College Crescent. Both trees appear to be in good health with no obvious defects or dysfunction. T2 has been pruned previously, but this does not appear

to be affecting its vigour and vitality. T3 appears to be in fine form, no obvious sign of previous pruning and adds a high level of visual amenity to the character of the conservation area.

T3 is specified within the s211 notice to be removed 'as tree roots are cracking in the wall'. No evidence of the roots causing an issue with the wall has been submitted, and no significant structural issue was observed during the site visit.

- The trees are highly visible.
- The trees are not known to be of any cultural or historical importance.
- T3 is a somewhat unusual species in an urban setting such as this.
- The trees are reasonable examples of their species.
- The loss of T3 would greatly reduce the visual amenity of the character 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:

Apple (T2) crown reduce by 30% back to previous growth point 2m of height and 1.5m of width.

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](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope  
Chief Planning Officer

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