

## **Urban Design & Renewal Service Planning**

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06 December 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

Mr Phillip Walton

4 The Courtvards

Severalls Park, Wyncolls Road

**Phoenix Square** 

Essex

**CO4 9PE** 

## **DECISION**

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

Address:

105 CHETWYND ROAD LONDON NW5 1DA

Description:

REAR GARDEN: T1 - Pear - fell

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 26 October 2011 and decided to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:

## Reasons for objection:

1 This pear tree is highly visible to the rear of properties between Chetwynd Road and Dartmouth Park Road. While the tree has previously been reduced it retains an attractive shape and appears to be in good health. The tree will provide an attractive display of blossom in the spring which is also an important source of food for insects at the beginning of the year, particularly bees. Fruit trees in the rear gardens are considered to be characteristic of the area and the tree forms part of a valuable screen between the properties.

The evidence submitted with the notification is not considered to conclusively link the tree in question to the damage occurring at 107 Chetwynd Road. Whilst roots from the sub family Pomoideae, which includes pears, were found beneath the foundations. It is unclear from the application when the pear tree in the



garden of 107 Chetwynd Road was removed and whether there are any other species from the same subfamily nearby. No results from crack/level monitoring have been submitted with the notification to provide evidence of seasonal movement proving that the building damage is vegetation related.

A Tree Preservation Order has been served to protect the visual amenity the tree provides and to preserve the character of this part 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.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Stopard

Director of Culture & Environment