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Application Ref: **2014/5052/T**
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24 September 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

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

Address:
**31 Lady Margaret Road
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Description:
REAR GARDEN: 1 x Tree of Heaven - Remove.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 17 July 2014 and decided to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:

Reasons for objection:

- 1 The tree is considered to be highly visible from the public realm and to significantly contribute to the character of this part of the conservation area. It is considered to have a long safe useful life expectancy and appears to be in good condition both structurally and physiologically. The tree is considered to be of high amenity value and to be of pleasing form.
Ailanthus altissima (tree of heaven) could be considered to be an invasive species as it can set seed readily. This is not considered to affect the level of visual amenity the tree provides nor the tree's suitability for a tree preservation order. Blocked light is not considered to be a sufficient reason to warrant the felling of a significant tree. If an application were to be submitted to reduce the tree by up to 20% it is likely the application would be approved, this may address



the issue of overhanging branches. One letter received in support of the trees removal alleges that the tree is the cause of subsidence related property damage. No evidence has been submitted to implicate the tree as the cause of the damage.

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



Ed Watson
Director of Culture & Environment

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