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N5 2SE

Application Ref: **2014/7624/T**
Please ask for: **James Remmington**
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23 February 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations 2012

REFUSAL OF CONSENT FOR WORKS TO TREE/S UNDER A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Address:
46 Hillfield Road
London
NW6 1PZ

Proposal:
(TPO REF 30H) REAR GARDEN: 1 x Horse Chestnut - Fell to ground level

The Council has considered your application dated 01 December 2014 and decided to refuse consent for the following reason(s):

Reason(s) for Refusal

- 1 The council does not consider that enough evidence has been presented to support the claim that the tree presents a 'substantial hazard'.
Whilst it is accepted that the retaining wall is in a state of disrepair, there is no evidence to support the claim that the wall is suffering progressive failure, furthermore no evidence has been received by the council to support the claim that options to stabilise/repair the existing wall or construct a new retaining wall have been considered.
The report provides an alternative to felling in the form of a 5.5m reduction in height



(40%), a crown lift to 5m and a reduction in the crown spread to the south (over the road) by 7m (approx. 65%)

The council considers that the felling of the tree is unjustified given the limited supporting evidence. It is also considered that the alternative pruning is excessive, and liable to cause significant harm to the health and amenity value of the tree. However, should a future application be made for a lesser reduction of 3m (c20%) in height and 4m (c40%) over the road, it is likely to be approved.

The application has been refused to protect the visual amenity the tree provides and to preserve the character of the area.

Informative(s):

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If you are unhappy with the Council's decision you may appeal within 28 days of the date of this notice by writing to The Environment Team, Room 4/04, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Yours faithfully



Ed Watson
Director of Culture & Environment

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