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Application Ref: **2016/4483/T**  
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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:

**1 Parsifal Road  
London  
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Proposal:

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Fig (T1) - prune back overhanging branches by 25%  
1 x Beech (T2) - reduce crown by 2-3m  
1 x Fig (T3) - reduce branches back by 1m to remove overhang to driveway.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 11 August 2016 and decided to **OBJECT** to the following work:

1 x Beech (T2) - reduce crown by 2-3m

Reasons for objection:

- 1 The copper beech tree is in the rear garden of a residential property in the West End Green Conservation Area. Immediately to the north east of the property is a privately-owned access road. Although the tree is situated within the rear garden of the property, the neighbouring access road creates a wide gap in the properties which results in the tree being highly visible from the public realm. The rear gardens of Parsifal Road and Lyncroft Gardens contain many mature specimen trees which forms part of the character of this part of the conservation



area.

The mature copper beech tree is considered to be of pleasing form and to provide a high level of visual amenity to the public. The tree appears to be in fair condition with no major structural defects visible from ground level when the tree was viewed and to have a significant safe, useful life expectancy.

The proposed work is to reduce the crown of the tree by up to three metres. It is considered that removing this amount of material which would create large wounds that would permanently alter the form of the tree and be detrimental to the health of the tree, particularly as this species does not tolerate heavy pruning well. The proposed work would also be detrimental to the visual amenity the tree provides and to the character of this part of the conservation area.

As such, it is recommended that a tree preservation order is served to protect the visual amenity the tree provides and 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.**

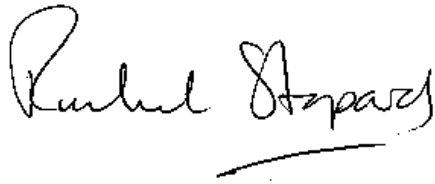
However, the Council would not have any objection to the carrying out of the following works:

1 x Fig (T1) - prune back overhanging branches by 25%, 1 x Fig (T3) - reduce branches back by 1m to remove overhang to driveway.

Informative(s):

- 1 This notice is valid for 2 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 4911 or [www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours faithfully



Rachel Stopard  
Executive Director Supporting Communities

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