

**P T A L**

## **Statement**

For

**Non-Material Amendment**

At

**Edith Neville Primary School  
174 Ossulston Street  
London NW1**

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## **Site**

The area of site with regard to this Non-Material Amendment is located to the east of the existing playground for Edith Neville Primary School on the boundary with Purchase Street.

## **The Proposal**

The proposed removal of T177 Locust Tree, to be replaced by Prunus Subhirtella 'Autumnalis' (Wintering Flowering Cherry).

Large size specimen, 20-25cm in girth with a pot size of 200L, 80cm in diameter.

Extract from 'Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement'

The Ecology Consultancy

"3.11 As displayed in Appendix 2, the new school building on Plot 4 will be constructed in very close proximity to T177, with the final layout bringing it close to the existing canopy line. A small play area for children will be implemented in the outdoor space left by the new building. At its current size, the tree will not present a significant issue to the building or play area. However, Robinia Pseudoacacia can grow up to 20m in height and has a tendency to shed limbs and deadwood. As such, it could be argued that the loss of T177, while initially posing a significant impact to local visual amenity, would in the long-term lead to reduced pressures for tree pruning and a reduced risk to users of the play area and to the school building.

3.12 A proposal to remove T177 could be argued on the basis that although there is likely to be a negative visual impact, the benefits of planting more suitable trees adjacent to the development, i.e. a reduced risk to the playground area and building, and lower ongoing maintenance costs in terms of tree pruning and management, would exceed the initial loss of the tree.

4.1 It is recommended that consideration be given to the removal of T177 prior to the commencement of works due to potential future hazard risks to the property, and preventing ongoing pruning works associated with future pressures to manage the tree upon completion of the development."

## **Conclusion**

Based on the above, we conclude that the removal of T177 to be replaced with a more appropriate alternative species, wintering Flowering Cherry, provides long-term benefits to the users of the nursery and the wider community.