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Your Ref:

Mr N Bell Tree Preservation Officer Planning Department London Borough of Camden Camden Town Hall Argyle Street London WC1H 8 ND

Dear Mr Bell

S211 Notification of Tree Works in a Conservation Area

Site: r/o No 131 Arlington Road, Camden, NW1 7ET

I understand the tree subject of this Notification is growing within a conservation area. If this is not the case, please can you advise me upon receipt of this correspondence?

Description of Proposed Tree Works:

Tree ID/Name*	Dimensions**	Tree Works Specification (Sp#)	Summary Reasons
T1 Sycamore	18 x 5 x 750	Sp6 Fell to ground level and treat stump to prevent re-growth	1. Tree is of low arboricultural quality. 2. Tree has now outgrown its location and setting 3. Tree is very overbearing in a garden with a modest width (4m) 4. Tree is a significant inconvenience to immediate neighbouring properties 5. Tree has been reduced in the past and branch die-back has developed 6. Pruning such as pollarding to a lower level could lead to tree death and root decay 7. The tree is not visible from Arlington Road or local footpaths

^{*}refer to plan **Tree Dimensions are height in metres x radial canopy spread in metres x trunk diameter in millimetres



Specifications for recommended tree works:

General

All work is to conform to BS 3998:2010 'Tree work – Recommendations' and with current arboricultural best practice. Tree works are to be undertaken by a professional and specialist arboricultural contractor, who carries the appropriate experience and insurance cover, equipment and PPE. All works and processes are to comply with all relevant Planning, Wildlife, Environmental, Conservation and Health and Safety legislation.

Sp6. Felling involves the careful removal of a tree to ground level (or other specified height), either in sections or in one unit (straight felling). The method of felling will be suited to the constraints of the site and judged by the competent operator undertaking the task. Removing the stump may be part of the requirements and this will be carried out using a mechanical stump grinder where

Amplification

- 1. The primary reasons for the proposed tree works are set out in summary in the above table. However, it is to be noted that the tree is heavily mantled with ivy growth, which adds heavily to the dense nature of the tree's canopy. Whilst this growth could be removed, this would be an onerous task and does not reduce the primary impact of the tree of upon the gardens and the main house.
- 2. The tree has clearly been reduced on at least two occasions in the past, which suggests that the tree's size is recognised as being too large for the location. As is typical with Sycamore species, die-back of branches has developed as a direct result of previous and relatively heavy pruning work. Further pruning is unlikely to be tolerated by this tree.
- 3. This Sycamore tree is growing at an atypically close separation to the rear of the house when compared to neighbouring properties. Other trees (refer to sketch plan), which are growing at much greater distances from the houses, will continue to contribute to the quality of the conservation area in terms of tree cover.



Fig. 1 Sycamore T1 (circled)



I hope that this information is clear and helpful at this stage but if I can be of any further assistance, or if you would like to arrange a site meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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