

# Delegated Report

## Officer

Tom Little

## Application Number(s)

2019/0123/T

## Application Address

131 Arlington Road  
London  
NW1 7ET

## Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Sycamore (T1) - Fell to ground level.

## Recommendation(s):

No Objection to Works to Tree(s) in CA

## Application Type:

Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area

## Consultations

### Adjoining Occupiers:

No. notified

12

No. of responses

5

No. of objections

1

### Summary of consultation responses:

The Council received four supports for the notification and one objection which is summarised below:

I object to the application to fell the tree at 131 Arlington Road. As a neighbour, I consider the tree to be of great amenity value: it contributes to the green outlook to rear of Arlington Road which is made up of Grade II listed buildings and it is home to a variety of birds, wildlife and possibly bats. Removing this tree would be detrimental to the conservation area and its loss would not be compensated for by other trees in the vicinity. I consider that the tree report is light on detail and does not substantiate how the tree is 'diseased', structurally dangerous or given a category A, B or C status to its life expectancy - merely that it may not tolerate further pollarding. The tree was pollarded by a previous owner and therefore would not need to be reduced again for many years. In conclusion, before the tree is removed I would urge the council to fully assess the quality of the tree and its amenity value and not allow it to be felled simply because it may be inconveniently located for the applicant.

### CAAC/Local groups\* comments:

\*Please Specify

## Assessment

The sycamore is not visible from the public realm, it is not a particularly large or noteworthy example of its species, it is not a rare species or a tree of any historical note. The crown of the tree is currently inundated with ivy so it is difficult to assess the condition of the main stem however there was evidence of some dieback in the upper crown. It may be possible to stimulate greater vigour in the tree by cleaning the crown, removing the ivy and mulching the root area. However the tree is not considered to be sufficiently prominent or noteworthy to justify this kind of treatment. It is not considered that the tree is worthy of being brought under the protection of a TPO.

The Council does not wish to object.