

Delegated Report

Officer

Tom Little

Application Number(s)

2019/0683/T

Application Address2 Belsize Park
London
NW3 4ET**Proposal(s)**

FRONT GARDEN: 2 x Mature Limes (T1 & T2) - Fell to as near to ground level as is practicable and treat stumps with systemic herbicide.

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

32

No. of responses

3

No. of objections

3**Summary of consultation responses:**

1. These mature trees should be protected and the wall re-built around the trees to protect the character of Belsize Park and the benefit to environment in reducing air pollution. I am against the felling of mature trees in our area generally.
2. I object to the felling of these mature trees. Although they are on private land they form part of the boundary with the public footpath and, as such, add considerably to the public space and contribute to the natural environment of Belsize Park. Whilst there is some impact on the boundary wall, the lean is minimal and a far less drastic measure would be to rebuild the wall so the trees become integrated into it. The only reason for not doing this would be one of cost. There is an alarming trend of trees in the conservation area being cut down. Sometimes this may be necessary if the tree is diseased or dangerous. Neither is the case here and every measure practicable should be taken to preserve the special environment of Belsize Park

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

Assessment

The lime trees both have very poor form caused by repeated pruning as well as decay and various structural defects such as very tight forks, bark inclusions. It is not considered that it would be expedient to bring them under the protection of a TPO.

The Council does not wish to object.