

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

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Application Address196 Goldhurst Terrace
London
NW6 3HN**Proposal(s)**

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Ash (T6) - Fell to ground level.

Recommendation(s):

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

25

No. of responses

1

No. of objections

1**Summary of consultation responses:**

As owners of 196 Goldhurst Terrace, and the beautiful c.120 year old Ash Tree, mentioned above, we are very anxious for one of the Tree Team to come and visit us to discuss the situation.

We have looked after this tree since 1962, nearly 60 years, and we do not want to see it brought down. We doubt that it had anything to do with the slight damage (as mentioned by Sedgwick in their Engineering Appraisal Report), in a notoriously subsidence area.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None

Assessment

The ash tree in the rear garden is visible from the street and a highly visible prominent tree within the rear gardens of Goldhurst Terrace and Aberdare Gardens. The tree would appear to be in good condition with a safe useful life expectancy in excess of 40 years. The tree has good form with a reasonably natural crown shape despite historical pruning. Rear garden trees are mentioned as an important feature of this area in the South Hampstead Conservation Area Statement.

The application alleges that the tree is implicated in subsidence at an adjacent property however no data from crack/level monitoring has been submitted and it is therefore considered that the evidence is inconclusive.

It is recommended that a TPO is served to protect the visual amenity the tree provides and preserve the character of the conservation area.