

Delegated Report

Officer

Nick Bell

Application Number(s)

2019/1770/T

Application Address

20 Highfields Grove London N6 6HN

Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Sycamore (T1) - Fell to ground level. 1 x Beech (T2) - Reduce on house side by up to 2m to give 3m clearance from property and balance remainder of crown only if required.

Recommendation(s):

Approve works (TPO)

Application Type:

Application for works to Tree(s) covered by a TPO

Consultations**Adjoining Occupiers:**

No. notified

3

No. of responses

1

No. of objections

1**Summary of consultation responses:**

One consultation response was submitted, see below.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum submitted the following objection:

- While the trees are on private land, the effects of felling them and pruning them impinges on the public realm in terms of deprivation of wildlife habitat and contribution to ameliorating the effects of pollution and soaking up carbon dioxide.
- A replacement tree should be planted
- Policy OS2: Protection of Trees and Mature Vegetation III. Within the conservation areas or when protected by a TPO, if a mature tree is found to be diseased and requires works significantly reducing its ecological or amenity value, appropriate replacement planting will be sought as close to the original site of the tree as possible. Veteran trees should be retained where possible.

Assessment

The application is for the removal of a sycamore tree from the rear garden of a residential property situated within Highgate Village Conservation Area.

The sycamore tree is dead, likely to be a result of sooty bark disease. There is a large amount of flaky, necrotic tissue at the base of the tree. A replacement tree will be secured via replanting condition.

The proposed pruning of the beech tree is considered minor works and will not adversely affect the visual amenity the tree provides or the long-term health of the tree.

A replacement tree (English oak) will be secured via a replanting condition.

It is recommended that the application be approved.