

Delegated Report

Officer	Application Number(s)
Nick Bell	2019/2602/T

Application Address	
27 Buckland Crescent, London NW3 5DH	

Proposal(s)

FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Lime (T1) - Prune back overhanging branches to previous points.

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	0	No. of responses	1	No. of objections	1
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Summary of consultation responses:

The council received one comment from the owner of the tree which can be summarised as:

- We understand the applicants desire to prevent the tree causing damage to paintwork
- However, we strongly object to the removal of pruning back to the boundary as it will severely damage the tree
- We hope the planning department will reflect this in any decision letter

CAAC/Local groups* comments:
*Please Specify

None received.

Assessment

The s.211 notification is for the pruning of a mature lime tree located within the front garden of a residential property that is situated within the Belsize Park Conservation Area.

The tree is highly visible from the public realm and significantly contributes to the character of this part of the conservation area.

The tree has been maintained by repeat reduction.

The original proposals were to pruning back all material that overhangs no. 25 Buckland Crescent, a neighbouring property. As the tree is located close to the boundary of the two properties, the proposed works would have result in the removal of approximately 40-50% of the tree. An object was received from the tree owner. The council agrees that the proposed works are excessive and would cause great harm to the tree.

Contact was made with the applicant and the suggested revised specification was agreed to, which is to prune back the portion of the crown which overhangs the boundary to the previous points of reduction. This is in line with previously undertaken works. The development description has been updated to reflect this amendment.

The revised proposed works are considered not to be detrimental to the character of this part of the conservation area. The council does not object to the proposed works.