

# Delegated Report

**Officer**

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**Application Number(s)**

2019/2409/T

**Application Address**89 Belsize Park Gardens  
London  
NW3 4NJ**Proposal(s)**

FRONT GARDEN: 3 x Silver Birch (T1 - T3) - 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

**40**

No. of responses

**1**

No. of objections

**0****Summary of consultation responses:**

Is there any written evidence that these mature trees are causing damage just pictures? Shame to fell such lovely trees in our area known for its tree lined streets.

**CAAC/Local groups\* comments:**

\*Please Specify

None

## Assessment

The birches are highly visible from the public realm, they are considered to provide a high degree of visual amenity within the street scene and to make a positive contribution to the character of the conservation area.

The application states that the trees are causing damage to a wall and paved parking area as well as blocking gutters which is causing damp issues and causing excessive shading.

None of the reasons for removal are considered to be sufficient to justify the removal of trees that are worthy of being brought under the protection of a TPO. The wall and paved area can be rebuilt in such a way as to take account of the presence of the trees and prevent/limit future damage. Leaves can be prevented from clogging gutters by the installation of leaf guards. Shading is not considered to be a robust enough reason to justify the removal a tree that is worthy of being brought under the protection of a TPO.

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