

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2019/3523/T

Application Address1 Harpur Mews
London
WC1N 3PE**Proposal(s)**

FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Pyracantha (T1) - Fell to ground level.
1 x Whitebeam (T2) - 30% crown reduction, representing 1.5 to 2m to be removed from each branch back to suitable points of strong growth, tree dimensions to change from 10m tall by 6m wide to 8m tall by 4m wide, ensure crown lifted to 3.5m.

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

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No. of responses

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No. of objections

3**Summary of consultation responses:**

1. A tree was removed last year and has not been replaced.
2. The trees support a lot of biodiversity.
3. Protect against the exhaust fumes from delivery vans.
4. Antisocial behaviour is not taking place in the gardens.
5. Antisocial behaviour should not be a reason to remove trees and the site should be secured more effectively.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

Assessment

The vegetation in Harpur Mews collectively creates a pleasant green space within the gardens and provides screening for the properties from the delivery area of Lacon House. The reasons for removal would not be considered sufficient to justify removal where trees are worthy of being brought under the protection of a TPO. However the trees are not visible from the public realm. They are not particularly large or noteworthy examples of their species or of any known cultural or historic importance. The pyracantha and the holm oak are both growing in positions which are not considered sustainable and in the case of the holm oak will prevent it from reaching its full potential and therefore becoming a large and noteworthy tree. It is not considered that it would be expedient to bring these trees under the protection of a TPO.

The works to the whitebeam are considered to be acceptable management of this tree.

The Council does not wish to object.