

# Delegated Report

**Officer**

Tom Little

**Application Number(s)**

2019/4552/T

**Application Address**

Garden Flat  
46 Belsize Square  
London  
NW3 4HN

**Proposal(s)**

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Cherry (T1) - Fell tree and cut stump to ground level.  
1 x Ash (T2) - Fell tree and cut stump to ground level.

**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

**41**

No. of responses

**1**

No. of objections

**1****Summary of consultation responses:**

I object to this application. The felling of T1, the Cherry, is contrary to the expert tree report commissioned by the applicant. The report affirms T1 is in good physiological condition and the recommendation is for no further action (please see para 4.1.2 and the tree data schedule that follows p15 of the report).

T2 does not belong to the applicant. It is a beautiful mature tree and hence is a valuable contribution to the special natural environment of this neighbourhood, and the reason why TPOs prevail. I would urge that the council inspect or recommend a structural engineer visit the site to gauge whether the slight displacement of the party wall is of any structural significance. Footnote 1 on p5 of the report stresses that the tree surveyor is not qualified to offer expert advice on structural matters.

The report clearly states that a) the tree is healthy, b) despite the fact Ash trees have high potential to influence surrounding soil structure, there is no evidence it is doing so, c) that priority for action is "low" and d) that retention is an option.

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

\*Please Specify

## Assessment

The ash and the cherry are situated in the rear garden of the property in a position where they are not visible from the public realm. They are growing in close proximity and the crowns are growing into each other. Both trees have poor form resulting from former pruning. Neither tree is considered to be a particularly large or noteworthy example of its species. The trees are not considered to be suitable for bringing under the protection of a tree preservation order.

The Council does not wish to object.