

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2020/0595/T

Application Address

14 Prince Arthur Road
London
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Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Sycamore (T1) - Fell 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

61

No. of responses

No. of objections

2**Summary of consultation responses:**

1. The tree is visible from the public realm.
2. It provides a valuable addition to the urban landscape
3. Provides divers and important habitat for wildlife
4. Paying for replacement planting will not compensate for the loss of the mature tree
5. The tree helps to reduce pollution

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None

Assessment

The sycamore is highly visible from the public realm and is considered to make a positive contribution to the character of the conservation area. However it is growing adjacent to the top of a retaining wall which is leaning and beginning to show signs of damage relating to the presence of the tree. The tree does not have further space to grow and it is considered that the level of pruning necessary to reduce the amount of secondary thickening sufficiently to enable retention of the tree in the long term would be significantly impact on the visual amenity the tree provides. Additionally, while the tree is considered to provide visual amenity it is not considered to be of sufficient quality to justify the cost of engineering works that would be required to repair/rebuild the retaining wall in such a way as to allow its retention.

On balance it is not considered that it would be expedient to bring this tree under the protection of a TPO