

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2020/1201/T

Application Address17 South Hill Park Gardens
London
NW3 2TD**Proposal(s)**

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Ash - 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

23

No. of responses

4

No. of objections

3**Summary of consultation responses:**

1. The tree is a sanctuary for birds and a feature of the back garden outlook
2. It is a fine specimen of an ash tree a species threatened with extinction by ash dieback
3. The tree could be managed by reduction
4. It is a beautiful tree and decades old
5. The tree is not a threat to anyone being 40ft away
6. The tree could be treated for any disease

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

I am writing in support of the felling of this ash tree. It has visible ganoderma bracket fungus at its base so could have rotted away the structural roots holding the tree into the ground that ganoderma is well known for. This tree is potentially very dangerous. It may not fall for many years, but with so many 'targets' nearby it is not worth risking it.

The arboriculturalist makes a solid case for its removal.

The great thing is the owners plan to plant several fruit trees in its place. Let's get started on new trees for the next generation now; we mustn't hang about with this tree and delay new healthy trees going in in its place.
Heath & Hampstead Society

Assessment

The ash tree has extensive basal decay and there are several large *Ganoderma* sp. Brackets present in and around the decay cavity. Under the circumstances it is not considered that it would be expedient to bring this tree under the protection of a tree preservation order.

The Council does not wish to object.