

# Delegated Report

**Officer**

Tom Little

**Application Number(s)**

2019/0732/T

**Application Address**10 Chalcot Square  
London  
NW1 8YB**Proposal(s)**FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Hornbeam:  
Option 1 - Fell to ground level.  
Option 2 - Reduce by 30% approx. 1.5 - 2m.**Recommendation(s):**

Refuse application for works to tree covered by a TPO

**Application Type:**

Application for works to a tree covered by a TPO

**Consultations****Adjoining Occupiers:**

No. notified

**29**

No. of responses

**1**

No. of objections

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

1. We would suggest option 1 should be refused and that the second option could be approved. Given the current debate about London's pollution and global climate threats, every tree must be seen as a tool to help in controlling these issues. Not only that of course they are beautiful objects and contribute to our mental wellbeing and the beauty of this part of London.

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

\*Please Specify

None

## Assessment

The hornbeam is highly visible from the street and is considered to provide a high level of visual amenity and to make a positive contribution to the character of the conservation area. The tree is visible for the full length of Chalcot Road and is one of the few trees present on the street. The removal of this tree would have a significant impact on the street scene.

The reasons given for removing the tree (option 1) relate to the lateral expansion of the main stem encroaching on the entranceway to the property. While it is understood that this may be an inconvenience it is not considered a sufficient reason for removing such a prominent tree, which is protected by a tree preservation order. No evidence demonstrating that the entrance is blocked to an unacceptable degree has been submitted with the application. Alternative solutions such as moving the entrance should be explored.

It is recommended that this part of the application be refused to protect the visual amenity the tree provides and preserve the character of the conservation area.

The pruning of the tree (option 2) will not be detrimental to the visual amenity the tree provides or its contribution to the character of the conservation area. It is recommended that this part of the application be approved.