

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2020/2007/T

Application Address70 Fairhazel Gardens
London
NW6 3SR**Proposal(s)**

FRONT GARDEN: 2 x Elder - 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

17

No. of responses

1

No. of objections

1

Summary of consultation responses:

It is the green and wooded nature of the South Hampstead Conservation Area, which makes it so special. Yet, little by little, planning applications such as this are removing the tree cover from our area. Where a tree is causing structural damage, it has been demonstrated that reducing the canopy and overall size of the tree is the best solution. Removing the tree altogether can often precipitate structural collapse. I would have no objection to a reduction of the overall size of both trees. I strongly object to their complete removal.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None

Assessment

The elders are visible from the public realm and are considered to provide some visual amenity and to make a positive contribution to the character of the conservation area however, they are a short-lived shrubby species which are not usually considered to be appropriate for brining under the protection of a TPO. One of the trees in this application is growing out of the corner where the boundary wall meets the property and the other is growing up against a much larger tree, the position of both is considered unsustainable. Neither tree is considered a particularly large or noteworthy example of its species. It is not considered that the trees are worthy of being brought under the protection of a TPO.