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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations 1999

REFUSAL OF CONSENT FOR WORKS TO TREE/S UNDER A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Address:
21 Well Road
London
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Proposal:
REAR GARDEN: 1 x Norway Spruce - Fell to ground level.

The Council has considered your application dated 03 July 2020 and decided to refuse consent for the following reason(s):

Reason(s) for Refusal

- 1 The application is for the removal of a Norway spruce from the rear garden of a residential property that is situated within the Hampstead Conservation Area. The tree is visible from the public realm and contributes to the character and appearance of the conservation area. The justification submitted for the proposed works is:
 1. Blackener at base of stem.
 2. Increasingly difficult to maintain a pleasing shape- no amenity value.
 3. Species not quite right for the conservation area.
 4. Much diminished biodiversity value.

No information regarding the blackener or the extent/severity/impact of the blackener has been included with the submission.

No information as to why the tree is increasingly difficult to maintain has been included with the submission. The tree is visible from the public realm from Cannon Lane and is considered to provide amenity to the public.

No species of tree is considered to be out of place in the Hampstead Conservation Area. Part of the character of the area is the rich diversity of tree species ranging from native to non-native exotic in formal and informal private and communal gardens. There are many Pinaceae and Cupressaceae conifers in the Hampstead Conservation Area which contribute to its character and appearance.

It is not clear to The Council how the biodiversity of the tree has diminished. Non-native conifers are of lower biodiversity value than native broadleaf trees but this is not considered robust enough justification to remove the tree.

The application has been refused to protect the amenity the tree provides and the character and appearance of the conservation area.

Informative(s):

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If you are unhappy with the Council's decision you may appeal within 28 days of the date of this notice by writing to The Environment Team, Room 4/04, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer

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