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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)
PART OBJECTION TO SECTION 211 NOTICE OF WORKS TO TREE/S IN A
CONSERVATION AREA

Address:

73 Aberdare Gardens London NW6 3AN

Proposal:

FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Oak (T1) - Fell to ground level.

1 x False Acacia (T2) - Fell to ground level.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 09 July 2020 and decided to **OBJECT** to the following work:

1 x Oak (T1) - Fell to ground level.

## Reasons for objection:

The s.211 notification is for the removal of an oak tree and a Robinia tree from the front garden of a residential property that is situated within the South Hampstead Conservation Area.

The oak tree is highly visible from the public realm and is considered to provide a high level of public amenity. The tree is considered to contribute to the character and appearance of the conservation area.

The submission alleges that the tree is contributing to property damage, however the information submitted is not considered sufficient to implicate the trees as a cause of the damage.

The oak tree has been maintained by reduction. Many front garden trees in the

South Hampstead Conservation Area are maintained by repeated, cyclical pruning. It is considered that the oak tree could be crown reduced again to allow for its retention in the space available to it.

The oak tree is considered to be suitable for a tree preservation order as it has future potential as an amenity and is highly visible from the public realm. Oak trees are of high biodiversity value and help to combat climate change.

## A Tree Preservation Order has been served on the tree/s and no work should be carried out without the prior consent of the Council.

However, the Council would not have any objection to the carrying out of the following works:

1 x False Acacia (T2) - Fell to ground level.

## Informative(s):

- 1 This notice is valid for 2 years from the date of this letter or until the work is completed, which ever is the sooner.
- 2 You are advised that the appropriate standards for tree work are set out in BS 3998: 2010. Failure to ensure that the proposed works are carried out to these standards may result in damage to the tree(s) and may result in legal action by the Council.
- Please note that any approval given by the Council does not give an exemption from the requirements to comply with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), or any other Acts offering protection to wildlife. Of particular note is the protection offered to bats, birds and their nests from construction works. For further information contact Natural England on 0300 060 4911 or www.naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Pope

Chief Planning Officer

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