

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2020/5054/T

Application Address

103 Priory Road
London
NW6 3NN

Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Apple tree (T10) - 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

21

No. of responses

2

No. of objections

2**Summary of consultation responses:**

I'm writing to you because I'm very concerned about the Maple tree in my garden which an application has been made to cut a substantial amount from.

I only found out on 24th that the garage at 78 Compayne gardens is going to be pulled down and a house is going to be built in it's place.

I decided to look up the plans for the build and instead found an application that had been submitted 3 weeks ago to cut the tree in my garden. I was upset to see this and I'm worried about the tree. It's a beautiful tree. It looks like they will have to cut at least half the tree away if they want to build close to the boundary.

I will attach photos of tree because there don't seem to be any in the application.

The first photo shows how the tree is leaning on the garage that is going to be pulled down. The others are taken from Compayne Gardens.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None

Assessment

The maple is highly visible from Compayne Gardens, it is considered to provide visual amenity within the street scene and to make a positive contribution to the character of the conservation area. Despite having a somewhat asymmetric crown the tree retains an attractive appearance and is considered to have a significant safe useful life expectancy. The proposed works would result in the removal of a large proportion amount of the crown of the tree on the side that has already been heavily pruned leaving the tree with a highly unbalanced crown, negatively impacting on the visual amenity the tree provides and its contribution to the character of the conservation area. The works would also result in a very large wound low down in the crown of the tree, it is highly likely that this would greatly reduce the safe useful life expectancy of the tree.

The tree works notification states that the works are necessary to implement building approved in the planning permission 2017/2265/P (dated 29/01/2018). However, the arboricultural report submitted and approved as part of the planning application states that: 'the previous heavy pruning of T14 (the maple) means that further pruning is not required to facilitate the construction of the dwelling'.

It is recommended that a tree preservation be served to protect the visual amenity the tree provides and preserve the character of the conservation area.