

<b>Delegated Report</b>		<b>Analysis sheet</b>		<b>Expiry Date:</b>		11/02/2021	
		N/A / attached		<b>Consultation Expiry Date:</b>			
<b>Officer</b>				<b>Application Number(s)</b>			
Nick Bell				2020/5878/T			
<b>Application Address</b>				<b>Drawing Numbers</b>			
58 Belsize Park Gardens London NW3 4ND							
<b>PO 3/4</b>		<b>Area Team Signature</b>		<b>C&amp;UD</b>		<b>Authorised Officer Signature</b>	
<b>Proposal(s)</b>							
FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Ash (T2) - Fell to ground level.							
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		Approve application for works to tree(s) covered by a TPO.					
<b>Application Type:</b>		Application for Works to Tree(s) covered by a TPO					
<b>Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:</b>		Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
<b>Informatives:</b>							
<b>Consultations</b>							
<b>Adjoining Occupiers:</b>		No. notified	11	No. of responses	01	No. of objections	01
				No. electronic	00		
<b>Summary of consultation responses:</b>		The Council received on objection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If it is really necessary to remove this tree, then could there be an obligation to plant a similar tree in its place?</li> </ul>					
<b>CAAC/Local groups* comments:</b> *Please Specify		None received.					

## Assessment

The application is for the removal of an ash tree from the front garden of a residential property that is situated within Belsize Park Conservation Area.

The large, mature ash tree is highly visible from the public realm and contributes to the character and appearance of this part of the conservation area. The tree is approx. 22m high.

The tree is host to *Perreniporia fraxinea*, a fungal organism known to cause advanced internal decay on ash trees. Fungal fruiting bodies are visible between buttresses. There is a large cavity on the stem.

The report submitted with the application contains details of a resistograph test which was recently undertaken on the stem of the tree. The test found the internal condition of the tree to be in poor structural condition with advanced decay present.

The arboricultural report is considered sufficient to demonstrate that the tree has reached the end of its safe, useful life.

It is recommended that the application be approved and a replacement tree be secured via a replanting condition.