

Delegated Report

Officer

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Application Number(s)

2021/0206/T

Application Address10 Adamson Road
London
NW3 3HR**Proposal(s)**

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Lime - Fell to ground level.

Recommendation(s):

Refuse application for works to tree covered by a TPO

Application Type:

Application for works to a tree covered by a TPO

Consultations**Adjoining Occupiers:**

No. notified

20

No. of responses

79

No. of objections

Summary of consultation responses:

A large number of objections to the removal of the tree were received by the Council; the objections are summarised below:

1. The tree is beautiful and provides visual amenity and contribute to the character and appearance of the area.
2. Trees are important in the fight against the climate crisis.
3. This is a healthy tree with a significant safe useful life expectancy which it should be permitted to live out.
4. The tree helps to reduce pollution.
5. Trees provide comfort and wellbeing to those who live nearby.
6. The tree is not causing damage to the house itself, damage to a boundary wall should not justify removal of a tree.
7. The boundary wall could be made to accommodate it.
8. The boundary wall is damaged and need replacing anyway.
9. The tree was declared safe by an independent tree surgeon.
10. Trees are a valuable part of the ecosystem.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None

Assessment

The lime is visible from the street and is considered to provide a high level of visual amenity and to make a positive contribution to the character of the conservation area.

The reasons given for removing the tree are that the tree is causing severe damage to a boundary wall. The wall is in a state of collapse and requires removal and rebuilding even if the tree were to be removed. The Council does not consider damage to a boundary wall to be a sufficient reason to remove a tree that is under the protection of a tree preservation order. It is recommended that the tree is removed and alternative engineering solutions are explored that will allow the retention of the tree.

It was previously recommended that the condition of the tree should be investigated however evidence submitted was not considered to demonstrate that the tree was in a dangerous condition or that removal was justified.

It is recommended that the application be refused to protect the visual amenity the tree provides and preserve the character and appearance of the conservation area.