

Delegated Report

Officer

Tom Little

Application Number(s)

2021/0439/T

Application Address

10 Nutley Terrace
London
NW3 5SB

Proposal(s)

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Weeping Ash - Fell to ground level.

Recommendation(s):

Approve 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

69

No. of responses

No. of objections

3**Summary of consultation responses:**

1. Almost every tree in the garden has been removed.
2. All the properties opposite are now exposed changing what used to be a pretty, green view.
3. Cutting down trees has made it noticeably noisier
4. It is worrying what a difference this is making to our environment
5. There is nothing wrong with this tree
6. Too many trees have disappeared in the area.
7. No new independently verified evidence has been provided.
8. If required, the council should carry out their own properly conducted and independent due diligence before making a decision to grant the request.

CAAC/Local groups* comments:

*Please Specify

None

Assessment

At the time of the section 211 notification the ash tree was showing signs of ash dieback (*Chalara fraxinea*). A tree preservation order was served to protect the tree as it is visible from the public realm, makes a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the conservation area as well as to give the Council time to assess the degree to which the disease is impacting on the tree to see whether it would succumb. Unfortunately weeping ash trees seem to be particularly rapidly affected by ash dieback and it is clear that the health of this individual has further deteriorated. In view of the poor condition of the tree it is considered that it would be now be appropriate to approve the removal of this tree subject to a replacement tree required by condition.

It is recommended that the application is approved