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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)

OBJECTION TO SECTION 211 NOTICE OF WORKS TO TREE/S IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Address:

**122 - 124 Haverstock Hill
London
NW3 2AY**

Description:

FRONT GARDEN: 4 x Trees of Heaven (T1 - T4) - Fell to ground level.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 16 August 2021 and decided to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:

Reasons for objection:

- 1 The s.211 notification is for the removal of four Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) trees from the communal front garden of a group of multiple occupancy residential properties that is situated within the Parkhill Conservation Area.

The four trees are highly visible from the public realm and significantly contribute to the character and appearance of the conservation area and the streetscene. The trees provide a high level of amenity to the public and are visible from Haverstock Hill and England's Lane. The trees have individual and collective impact and form a significant landscape feature.

The application form states:

"Fell due to clear and worsening damage to front wall, almost at the point of no

return, trees must be felled immediately or wall will have to be demolished.”

The trees are considered to be more significant than the wall. If the wall is damaged it is likely that there is a design and/or engineering solution that will allow for the wall to be repaired or reconstructed and the trees retained. No evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that solutions that allow for the trees to be retained have been explored.

If there is sufficient evidence that the wall is dangerous, the relevant section could be removed. The owner is advised to check if planning permission is required to replace the wall.

The trees provide a valuable function of mitigating the effects of climate change in a densely populated area on a busy road which is often congested. The trees provide screening from noise and light pollution and provide habitat potential. The consultation responses are considered to demonstrate that there is considerable public support for the retention of the trees.

The council has objected to the proposed works. A tree preservation order has been served to protect the character and appearance of the conservation area and the amenity the trees provide.

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.

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer

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