

Delegated Report

Officer		Application Number(s)					
Tom Little		2021/6163/T					
Application Address							
13 Eton Villas London NW3 4SG							
Proposal(s)							
FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Silver Birch (T1) - Fell to ground level.							
Recommendation(s):		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	3	No. of responses	2	No. of objections	1
Summary of consultation responses:		The Council received the following comments in support of the notification: We live at 14 Eton Villas immediately adjoining 13 Eton Villas. We fully support our neighbours application. The tree in question was put in by a developer, we think in 2006. It was always inappropriate for its site, evidenced by its rapid growth and considerable size. It sucks up lots of water and creates too much shade, preventing other plants from thriving. It is also too close to the Grade 2 listed buildings and its roots may cause damage if it is allowed to grow further.					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: <small>*Please Specify</small>		The Belsize Society submitted the following objection to the notification: On behalf of the Belsize Society: this is a mature, well-shaped and attractive silver birch. It is highly visible from Eton Villas and Eton Road, makes a positive contribution to the streetscape and therefore has amenity value. No reason is given for its felling and it would take several years for a replacement sapling rowan to attain the same visibility in its location.					

Assessment

The birch is highly visible from both Eton Road and Eton Villas, the tree is considered to provide a high level of visual amenity and to make a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the conservation area.

The application gives no reasons for wishing to remove the tree.

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