

Delegated Report	Analysis sheet		Expiry Date:		15/07/2020		
	N/A / attached		Consultation Expiry Date:				
Officer			Application Number(s)				
Nick Bell			2020/2449/T				
Application Address			Drawing Numbers				
Somerset House 31 Dartmouth Park Hill London NW5 1HR							
Proposal(s)							
SIDE GARDEN: 1 x Cherry (T2) - Fell to ground level. REAR GARDEN: 1 x Elder (T4) - Fell to ground level.							
Recommendation(s):		No objection to notification of intended works to tree(s) in a conservation area					
Application Type:		Notification of Intended Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area					
Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:		Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
Informatives:							
Consultations							
Adjoining Occupiers:		No. notified	19	No. of responses	02	No. of objections	01
				No. electronic	00		
Summary of consultation responses:		<p>The Council received one objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This tree probably predates the building of Somerset House it is not on that property but in a neighbour's garden there are many mature fruit trees in the surrounding gardens and they are part of a historic orchard that predates the building of the houses. It is criminal to cut down a mature tree in a conservation area at a time when we are trying to combat global warming with a government policy of widespread tree planting. This time of lockdown has shown us the importance of nature in our immediate environment for our wellbeing and mental health. As an immediate neighbour of 29 and 31 Dartmouth Park Hill, I totally oppose the felling of this tree. 					
CAAC/Local groups* comments: <small>*Please Specify</small>		<p>Dartmouth Park submitted the following comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have read the MWA arboricultural report, Crawco Tech report, CET SI Report and the level monitoring data. I realise that there is an ongoing subsidence problem at No 31 due to clay shrinkage and being built on a steep slope. I do not therefore object to the felling of the cherry and Elder trees. 					

Assessment

The s.211 notice is for the removal of a cherry tree from the front/side garden of the property and a elder tree from the rear garden of a residential property that is situated within the Dartmouth Park Conservation Area.

It is alleged that trees are contributing to subsidence related property damage.

While both trees are visible from the public realm, neither tree is considered to significantly contribute to the character and appearance of the conservation area.

Neither tree is considered to be a noteworthy example of its species or is of any known cultural or historic value.

While combating climate change is a consideration when determining s.211 notices, in line with the planning practice guidance on TPOs as part of the NPPF it is a secondary consideration.

The Council does not object to the proposed works.