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Notification of Intended Works to Tree in a Conservation Area

Front Works of Fitzroy Yard NW1 8TP

Proposed felling to the ground of 1 X Contorted Willow (T1) in rear garden

Dear Sir/Madam

Re your letter/s dated 10/08/22, I am requesting information status and seeking confirmation re a TPO, a Tree Preservation Order, and protection under Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the Contorted Willow Tree.

This is an objection to the application re the felling of this distinctive amenity value tree which is in a conservation area. Please provide more information and evidence for the reason for felling to the ground of T1 which currently states: 'The existing tree (T1) is not suitable species for the location and is overgrown, thereby straining the structural integrity of the shared party fence wall'. Why exactly is T1 not a 'suitable species'? It has suitably survived safely in this location for at least 30 + years? Re 'overgrown': Contorted Willows can be pruned during their dormancy period, has this option been considered? What evidence is there re strain on a 'party fence wall'?

This well formed Willow has remained the same size for many years, is healthy and in good condition. It serves the environment providing abundant shelter and protection for wildlife, its branches good for nesting - Birds, (including songbirds, various tits, starlings, warblers, sparrows, robins and the rarer woodpeckers and jays), animals - squirrels, and on occasion/s bats use this tree. It is a good attractive example of its species, and already adds greatly to biodiversity and the appearance of its location and area. Due to its age it also has relevant cultural and historic value.

Re the 'Existing tree (T1) is not visible from the public realm'; many neighbours in the community look out at the back of homes at this attractive tree on a daily basis and value it greatly.

This correspondence has also been sent to the Planning Trees address.

Yours sincerely

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