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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:

**10 St Mark's Crescent
London
NW1 7TS**

Description:

REAR GARDEN: 1 x Himalayan Birch (T1) - Fell to ground level and grind out stump.
To be carried out to standards outlined within BS8545.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 21 September 2022 and decided to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:

Reasons for objection:

- 1 The birch tree is highly visible from Regent's Canal providing visual amenity to those using the canal and the towpath. It is considered to make a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the conservation area forming part of a green corridor along this part of the canal. The tree would appear to have reasonably good form with no significant structural defects and contributes to the urban tree canopy, mitigating pollution and the climate emergency. It is considered that the tree is worthy of being brought under the protection of a tree preservation order.

The tree works notification gives the following reasons as justification for removing the tree:

- i) To provide replacement planting of a more appropriate species which does not require cyclical management and provides direct replacement of amenity value, canopy cover and biodiversity attributes
- ii) To provide a replacement planting which grows to its full potential at maturity to a scale within the landscape setting of a small rear garden with the important Willow tree remaining as the main feature tree
- iii) To enable the Weeping willow (sited on the canal bank to the north) to re- develop western crown; this tree is currently unbalanced due to suppression of the Himalayan birch; the removal will enable the Willow to improve in shape and form being the more appropriate tree for the canal bank setting
- iv) Delivery of a robust planting scheme with maintenance requirements to ensure successful establishment

The above reasons are not sufficient to justify the removal of a tree which is considered worthy of being brought under the protection of a tree preservation order, the tree is not dead or dangerous and there are no allegations or evidence of the tree causing damage to property.

A tree preservation order has been served to preserve the visual amenity the tree provides and protect the character and appearance of the conservation area.

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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