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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)
**PART OBJECTION TO SECTION 211 NOTICE OF WORKS TO TREE/S IN A
CONSERVATION AREA**

Address:
Lewis Cubitt Park
London
N1C 4EJ

Proposal:
LAWN AREA: 15 x London Planes (252, 253, 254, 255, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 269, 270, 271 & 272) Crown Lift to 5m and clear streetlamps by 1m.
3 x Limes (256, 257 & 258) - Crown lift to 3.5m.
3 x Limes (266, 267 & 268) - Crown lift to 3.5m.
2 x Red Oaks (218, 219) - Formal prune into 1 tree shape for both.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 17 October 2022 and decided to **OBJECT** to the following work:

2 x Red Oaks (218, 219) - Formal prune into 1 tree shape for both. Reduce outward laterals.

Reasons for objection:

- 1 The two semi/early mature red oak trees are high value trees that significantly contribute to the character and appearance of the conservation area and provide a high level of amenity to the public.

The trees appear to be in good condition and have not be significantly pruned, they still have their maiden form and are developing in to high quality

specimens. The trees are in close proximity to each other but are not near to structures; the trees are afforded the space required to achieve their potential.

The proposed works for the red oak trees is "Formal prune into 1 tree shape for both". It is not clear to the council what this pruning specification would result in, and is considered to be too vague and not in accordance with BS3998:2010. Pruning specifications must be quantified in order to be unambiguous and enforceable. The agent was approached for clarification however no further information was received by the council.

The council considers that the red oak trees are of such high value and future potential that any proposed pruning should be more considered and specific. There also does not appear to be a reason to "prune into 1 tree shape for both", the crowns of trees growing in close proximity to each other with naturally form one mass both aesthetically and aerodynamically.

A tree preservation order has been served to protect the the character and appearance of the conservation area.amenity provided by the two red oak trees.

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.

However, the Council would not have any objection to the carrying out of the following works:

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Informative(s):

- 1 This notice is valid for two years from the date of this letter or until the work is completed, which ever is the sooner.
- 2 You are advised that the appropriate standards for tree work are set out in BS 3998: 2010. Failure to ensure that the proposed works are carried out to these standards may result in damage to the tree(s) and may result in legal action by the Council.
- 3 Please note that any approval given by the Council does not give an exemption from the requirements to comply with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), or any other Acts offering protection to wildlife. Of particular note is the protection offered to bats, birds and their nests from construction works. For further information contact Natural England on 0300 060 4911 or www.naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer

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