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Rear Garden: Rear Boundary: T1: Eucalyptus: Approximately 14.00m: Fell to ground level and treat with systemic herbicide. To abate nuisance and damage to neighbouring property.

This tree has been mentioned in previous applications at this address. In 2019, it was mentioned in an application to fell a pine.

CON/2019/0537

The tree is an early mature Pine (Pinus species) located within the rear garden of the property. The tree has the following approximate dimensions; height 7 metres, crown spread 7 metres and a trunk diameter 320mm. *The tree is of average condition and normal vigour. It has a generally well-balanced crown shape but is becoming suppressed on the west side by the nearby Eucalyptus tree.*

There are no concerns mentioned about the eucalyptus tree itself.

Earlier this year there was an application to prune the tree, to which we had no objection.

CON/2022/0216

T1: Eucalyptus: Approximately 14.00m: Reduce crown height by up to 3.50m pruning back to suitable, viable growth points. Reduce lateral and sub-lateral branch structure by approximately 2.00m. Thin crown density throughout by 20%. General maintenance

The Tree Officer said,

I hold no objection to the above proposal. The specification is reasonable and within good arboricultural practice. These works are commonly carried out on Eucalyptuses, and they tend to respond well to such pruning works.

It is unclear exactly why the applicant now wants to fell the tree entirely. The 'nuisance' and 'damage' are not sufficiently defined. We agree to the reduction of the tree by pruning but the removal of the tree and particularly the use of herbicide, is to be deplored.

Should the tree be felled, and in light of the fact that another tree has already been felled, the applicant should plant at least one suitable replacement tree.

Highgate Neighbourhood Plan

Policy OS2: Protection of Trees and Mature Vegetation

1. Within the conservation areas or when protected by a TPO, specimen, veteran and mature trees and mature vegetation, which have townscape, ecological or amenity value should be retained where possible. If such a loss is shown to be absolutely necessary, new development will be expected to submit proposals for suitable replacements, like for like replacement being supported where appropriate and feasible.

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