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T1 Weeping Pear (*Pyrus salicifolia*) in front garden: remove. It grows less than 1m from the pavement in an elevated bed, equidistant from the boundaries of neighbouring homes at 53 and 57. Its roots are causing the front wall overlooking the pavement to lean out, the side wall facing the steps is splitting open under pressure of the roots. I am rebuilding the walls and wish to ensure no further movement in future.

Objection

This tree makes a significant contribution to the street scene. The houses are built high above the road and pavement and the steep front gardens have small trees and shrubs, such as this, supporting wild life and bio-diversity. This is a particularly attractive tree.

An inspection of the wall, shows no sign of leaning out and the 'cracking' seems minimal. If the applicant wishes to rebuild the wall, they can accommodate the tree by building the wall around it or by installing a tree root barrier.

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Policy OS2: Protection of Trees and Mature Vegetation

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.

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