

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

Haringey Council, L4, Alexandra House, Station Road, N22 7TY

Application number	HGY/2023/0279
Application type	Tree Preservation Order application
Site Address:	37 Lanchester Road Hornsey London N6 4SX
Proposal	Five Day Notice for the removal of of T13 quercus robur - English Oak. . The trunk has been hollow for at least the last 30 years and it's been leaning like this too but we used to get so many nuthatches and woodpeckers because of it that we kept it. If it fell before, it would only have caused very limited property damage. However, the storage of so much heavy weight on a significant part of its unprotected rpa (some of which you can see in 4) during this exceptionally dry summer has now caused its health to deteriorate very dramatically so I think it has to be removed. You can see green growth on the trunk which has never happened before on anything like this scale. Also, the area round the hollow base is now much wetter than it ever used to be. It's been irreparably damaged.

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	27/01/2023	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 7 th February 2023

Site

The Oak *Quercus* spp. tree T13 is situated in the rear garden of the property. It is indiscernibly visible.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (31/01/2023 at approximately 11am).

The Oak tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

Proposal

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Issues

I hold no objections to the removal of the Oak tree. The tree has a stunted crown due to being pollarded in the past. The Oak also has a 35 degree lean. Growth is self-corrective and there is no evidence of the bole lifting.

Decay is extensive brown cubical rot with no coalescing. When probed there is little residue sound wood.

The open cavity at the clamp base is over 130 degrees. Over 50% of the buttress roots have gone on the tension side. There is good wound wood forming ribs either side of the cavity.

The tree could be reduced further, to reduce weight, to a pollard again. However, there is no guarantee the tree would sprout again. There is a lack of epinastic growth that generally indicates trace buds. Vigour and vitality within the crown also appears poor.

The tree will collapse eventually under its own weight. Since there is adjacent property and targets the removal is also a prudent option.

This is not a five-day notice as there is no imminent threat. The application should allow for the three weeks for any comments.

There is no space to replant in the same place as the area is confined. The garden is also too small to plant like for like. The same applies to the front garden.

The embankment to the rear has many trees and regeneration for a back drop. The Oaks at the front also have high amenity value.

The condition to replant does not need to be applied.

Recommendation

No Objection