

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2022/4334
Application type	Tree Preservation Order application
Site Address:	Oakleigh 42 Hampstead Lane Hornsey London N6 4LL
Proposal	Oak (T20) fell to ground level due to poor condition arising from historic root damage. The removal of the tree will also facilitate the re-landscaping of the rear garden with the felled stem being incorporated within the design as a bench / habitat feature.

RECOMMENDATION:	Objection	
Application date	06/12/2022	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 28 th February 2023

Site

The Oak *Quercus* spp. tree T20, as marked on the plan, is situated in the rear garden of the property. It is publicly visible.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (27/02/2023 at approximately 12pm)..

Due to the minor nature of the proposed works and the level of detail submitted in support of the notification, a site visit was not deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works.

The tree/s are protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

Proposal

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Issues

Contrary to the above the tree is not dying. The Oak is in the phase of re trenching its crown.

There are several other mature Oaks within the rear and T20 forms part of that group. These trees would have been part of the ancient semi natural woodland prior to the area being developed and fragmented. They still hold conservation value and act as a corridor to the surrounding heath and woodland.

Felling for re landscaping or changing the landscape would not be beneficial from a biodiversity point of view and would be a dangerous precedent to set.

There is ample of live growth and epinastic growth within the lower crown.

There is no recent evidence of historic root damage to the primary and secondary roots.

Rather than felling the tree, the tree should have the highest branch reduced by 3-4m with the remaining branches reduced by 2-3m. No lower epinastic growth should be removed.

The decay detection drill and report 02/12/2022 showed no decay within the lower stem. I am assuming the buttresses were drilled. It appears to be thickly ivy clad at the base, so I am not sure how the drilling occurred without the ivy being girdled.

Recommendation

Objection

Informative: Rather than felling the tree, lesser works allowing for the highest branch to be reduced by 3-4m with the remaining branches reduced by 2-3m would be acceptable. No lower epinastic growth should be removed.