

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2023/0717
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	65 North Road, Hornsey, London, N6 4BQ
Proposal	T1 Lawson Cypress – fell. T2 Lawson Cypress- fell.

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	14/03/2023	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 9 th May 2023

Site

The Cypress trees T1 & T2, as marked on the plan and shown within the photograph, are situated in the front entrance of the property. They are publicly visible at the end of the cul-de-sac.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (03/05/2023 at approximately 11am).

The location is also within the Highgate Conservation Area. This protects every tree with a diameter at breast height (taken at 1.5m) >75mm.

Proposal

Tree works proposed:

T1 Lawson Cypress – fell.

T2 Lawson Cypress- fell.

Issues

I hold no objections to the proposed removal of these trees.

There are various Planning applications showing the retention of the trees. However, the arboricultural reports with these cases show that the trees are lowly valued as category C trees (unremarkable and limited merit) in accordance with British Standard 5837: Trees in relation to design demolition and construction- 2012 Recommendations.

Category C trees do not always necessarily require removal if they can still be incorporated into a development scheme without being affected, and this appears to be the case here.

However, a separate Sec.211 notice CON/2020/0228, noted that the trees were within proximity to the structures, limited lifespan, and that their loss would have low amenity impact. The recommendation was that the trees were not worthy of a tree preservation order (TPO).

A recent site visit shows that the trees have declined further and are growing in a confined space. A methodology to rate their worthiness for a TPO scored very low and as such I concur with the comments made above that these trees are low grade and not worthy of a TPO.

The applicant has agreed to re plant with a more suitable species such as an ornamental winter flowering cherry tree. This will add a feature to the entrance and make a good focal point.

Recommendation

No Objection