

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2023/1097
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	Basement Flat, 29 Jacksons Lane, Hornsey, London, N6 5SR
Proposal	1 London Plane reduce crown by 40% and sever ivy. Large cavity at base.

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	21/04/2023	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 12 th June 2023

Site

The Plane *Plantanus* spp. tree, as marked on the aerial photograph and seen in the photographs, is situated in the rear garden of the property. It is not publicly visible.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (31/05/2023 at approximately 12pm).

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

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Issues

I hold no objections to the proposed tree works.

A site visit revealed a large open cavity with several Ganoderma fungal brackets inside. Whilst there was good external wound wood the internal decay was extensive soft rot and a lack of coalescing.

Probing the decay upwards showed the decay extended 1-1.5m up the stem.

40% crown reduction is a vague specification. However, the contractor has since confirmed up to 5m height reduction from the tips and up to 6m reduction to the laterals (crown spread is as wide as the height in this instance.)

The heavier reduction will reduce the sail area and the external forces upon the tree. Plane trees generally respond well to such pruning works.

Recommendation

No Objection