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Although the trees to be felled have been marked on the landscaping map, it is not clear who has recommended that they be felled. There is no arboricultural report accompanying this application.

As can be seen from the photograph, attached, the trees form a significant group for a major corner within Highgate Village. They make a major contribution to the visual amenity of Hampstead Lane, North Road, both North and South, and enhance the view from both The Gatehouse and Highgate Senior School. They preserve the leafy, village character of this part of Highgate.

At the same time they absorb the pollution from the large amount of traffic which is often backed up at this corner. They provide shade and absorb carbon dioxide. Removing them would remove the canopy cover that Haringey is keen to maintain and increase.

The Holm Oak (not hornbeam) has been badly pruned, without permission, in the past. In our opinion, it could be reduced and balanced. It will grow back better with better form and providing greenery throughout the year.

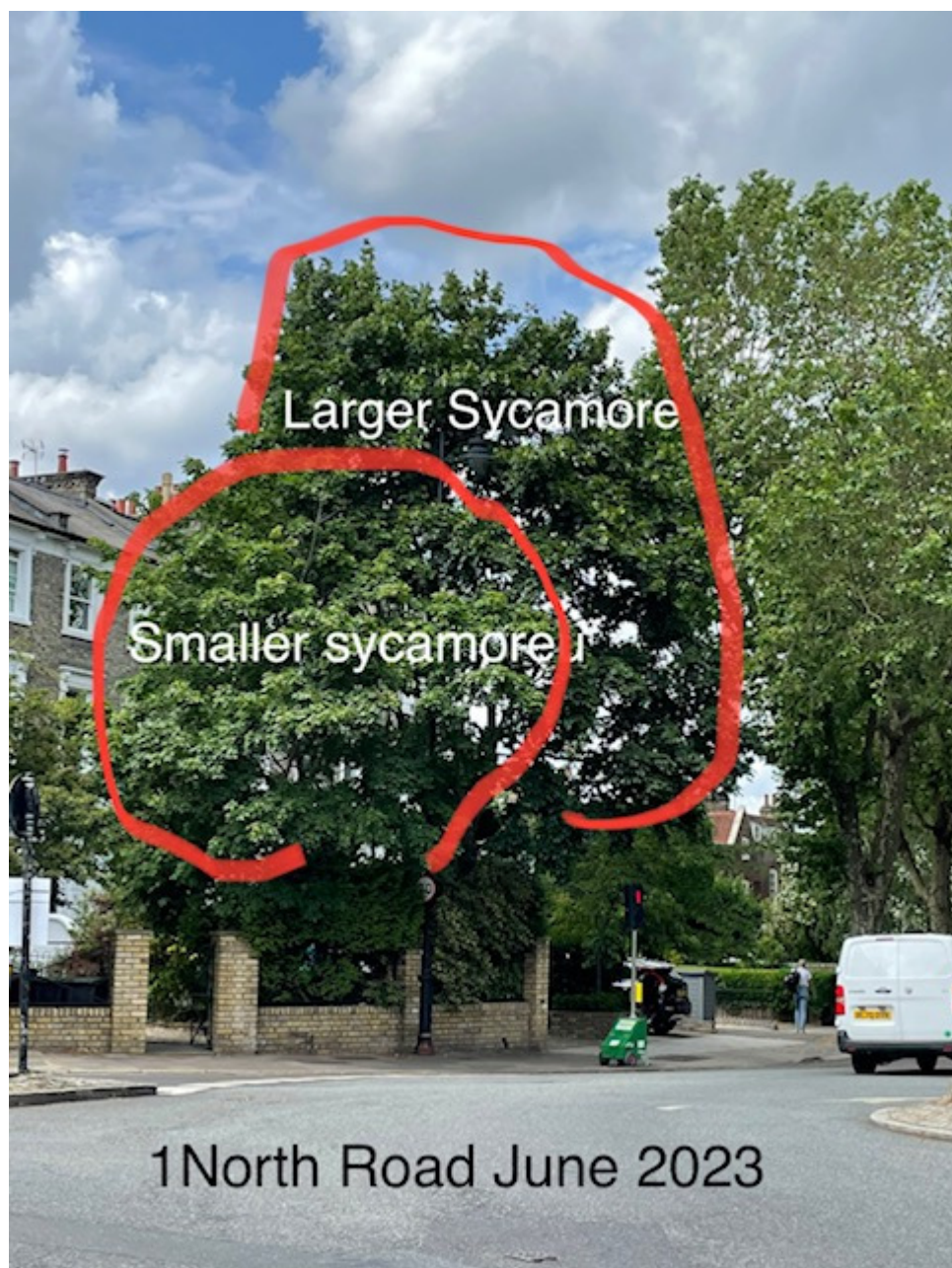
There is no supporting evidence to back the assertion that it is a "space that is really only adequate for 1 small to medium tree." A small garden tree, is totally inappropriate for this major corner site.

There is an argument to fell one sycamore in the interests of preserving and enhancing the other. The larger sycamore contributes more to Highgate but is suppressing the holm oak.

The two conifers could be removed so long as they were replaced, preferably with evergreen shrubs.

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