

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

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Application number	HGY/2023/1588
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	1 North Road, Hornsey, London, N6 4BD
Proposal	Please see the attached plan of the front garden at 1 North Road. We are seeking permission to remove the following trees (which have been highlighted in yellow on the plan and underlined in red) - Semi-mature Sycamore tree (15m approx.) Semi-mature Sycamore tree (10m approx.) Deformed Hornbeam tree leaning heavily towards the house (5m approx.) Poor condition conifers x 2 (3m approx) The Sycamore trees are already too large for their position and are removing a lot of light from the property. As they continue to grow the roots will become a problem, both within the garden and also under the path / road adjacent to the property. We think that the roots are already disturbing our boundary wall with the neighbouring property. We intend to replace the 2 Sycamore trees with one smaller tree (probably an Amelanchier Ballerina) which is more appropriate for the space. The Hornbeam tree is unfortunately not growing in a sustainable way and has grown in a very twisted manner and will be inherently unstable as it enlarges. It is also already pushing over the boundary wall (together with the Sycamore roots). In essence there are 3 potentially very large trees growing in a space that is really only adequate for 1 small to medium tree. It is likely that the Sycamore trees are self-seeded. The conifers are the remnants of an overgrown hedge which we will replace with other foliage more appropriate for the space.

RECOMMENDATION:	Objection Tree Preservation Order (TPO) made in response to section 211 Notice	
Application date	16/06/2023	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 7 th July 2023

Site

The various trees, as shown in the photographs, are situated in the front garden of the property. They are publicly visible.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (26/06/2023 at 1:45pm approximately).

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

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Issues

I object to the proposed removal of the two mature Sycamore trees.

Reasons cited for removal are that the trees are too large for their surroundings, and future possible direct damage.

However, from a site visit the following was noted:

- The Sycamore trees have high amenity value, visibility, and score high when using a methodology to rate their worthiness for a TPO
- Add to the sylvan and character of the area. North Road is a long avenue of mainly mature large Plane and Lime trees
- The trees are an instant impact with our larger trees being the biggest assets within the peri urban environment
- The two adjacent crowns form a good morphology when viewed from a distance (they form the impression of one vernal crown)

It appears the garden is being redesigned. The Sycamore trees will need to be incorporated into a new design. To fell mature trees for the redesigning and landscaping a garden would be a dangerous precedent to set.

A TPO has been made in response to the Sec.211 Notice.

Recommendation

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