

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2023/2001
Application type	Tree Preservation Order application
Site Address:	Georgians Tennis Club, Crouch End Playing Fields, N88JJ
Proposal	I wish to apply for permission to remove 3 trees from our site. They are currently protected by a TPO but as you can see from the attached images they are currently dead/dying and one has fallen down (luckily overnight so no one was on the property) so I was like it to be an expedited process so the trees can be removed safely ASAP. I have included a diagram of the tree locations. This is taken from the original TPO document, and some of these trees have fallen down naturally over the years but I believe the circled trees represent the ones photographed and the ones that unfortunately need to be removed. According to that document they are all Poplars.

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	24/07/2023	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 16 th August 2023

Site

The Poplar trees are situated in the playing grounds of the property. They are publicly visible.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (27/07/2023 & 15/08/2023).

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Issues

Originally received as a Five Day Notice, on the 24/07/2023, I attended site on the 27/07/2023.

The line of avenue Poplars are all lapsed pollards. Poplars are fast growing, short lived, and notorious weak wood species. All pollards are hollow, and it is the reason why they are kept on a regular pollard regime (pathogens inoculate the pruning cuts).

On inspection it was evident that many of the trees were in a stage of advance decay within their trunks, with open cavities, brown cubical rot, and were close to collapsing under their own weight.

I contacted the agent to meet on site, and to discuss the way forward (trees for removal and re planting). Unfortunately, they were away.

In the interim be it a mis communication or a mis understanding the decayed trees were removed by the Arboricultural contractor.

I attended site again 16/08/2023 and met the agent. Seven trees had recently been removed and one old stump near to the entrance remained. The stump was from a tree that had previously collapsed. The arisings were still on site and further proved the extent of the decay (see case photographs).

In retrospect be it a Five-Day Notice or a Tree Preservation Order Work Application I would have had no objections to the work being carried out. This is a public facility, club and adjacent to a well-used footpath. Common sense dictated action be taken to make safe and abate the threat of further trees failing.

The spacing distance for Poplars planted in a line should be a minimum of 9m. These trees were originally planted too close and never thinned out.

The condition to re plant will give the opportunity to space correctly. It has been agreed to replant with four Poplar trees.

Recommendation

No Objection

Conditions: Re plant x4 10-12cm girth *Populus* spp. trees