

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2023/2054
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	4 Cholmeley Park, Hornsey, London, N6 5EU
Proposal	T1 - Large Sycamore – Two main stems from crown break. Secondary stem is dead and dying. Reduce dead and dying major scaffold limb towards the low crown break at approx 5m from ground level retaining a single main stem. Remove selected low epicormic growth from the reduced limb and remove major dead wood from remaining tree. Crown reduce the remaining tree by approx 3m to leave as a more basic structure for regrowth/ T2 - Large Sycamore - Remove epicormic growth to second crown break at approx 6m from ground level. Remove the two lowest limbs of approx 6"diameter growing over the neighbours garden . Reduce the lateral spread growing towards no 4 Cholmeley Park by approx 3-4m to suitable growth points where possible to balance the tree. Crown thin by 20%. Do not reduce the over all height of the tree. T3 – Holly Tree by Fence – Crown reduce by approx 3m to allow for boundary fence to be put in place.

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	19/06/2023	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 29 th September 2023

Site

The two large mature Sycamore trees and Holly T1-T3, as described above and marked on the plan, are situated in the rear garden of the property. They are not publicly visible but add to the shared amenity to the rear gardens of the properties, add to the green corridor, large biomass, and screening.

A site visit was necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (19/06/2023 morning visit).

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.

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Issues

I hold no objections to the proposed pruning tree works.

I had attended this site 19/06/2023 in relation to HGY/2023/1598 and discussed the tree with the contractor and client.

I made the following observations regarding Sycamore T1:

- has dead wood and die back on one scaffold
- the asexual anamorphic stage of the fungus Kretzschmaria deusta was found- this causes a soft rot decay in the roots and buttresses
- Cavity at the base with good wound wood and coalescing with 50% of the circumference decayed on the tension side and hollow sounding around two buttress flares

Whilst dead wood is exempt the threat is not imminent. It might be more prudent to carry all the works out at the same time i.e. deadwood/ reduce scaffold down the epicormic and reduce the remaining limb further.

Consider any works required to the second large Sycamore in the garden.'

The proposed works addresses and manages the above.

Works to T2 Sycamore is reasonable and the Holly T3 is not worthy of any further protection.

Recommendation

No Objection