

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

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Application number	HGY/2023/2348
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	32 Haringey Park, Hornsey, London, N8 9JD
Proposal	Request to fell 2x trees identified as T1 and T2. Both are large C Cupressosyparis Leylandi. Works are:- fell to ground, grind out stumps and all arisings. Rationale:- 1) Concern from neighbouring property re impact on light and shading which is affecting the growth of their lawn, plus a request to have T1 and T2 removed as a result of these issues. 2) The amenity of the rear rooms of 32 Haringey Park is also affected, as they do not get much daylight as a result of T1 and T2; 3) The trees themselves have a low amenity value - they were not maintained regularly when young so they have straggly limbs and the lower trunks are bare; 4) Both T1 and T2 are showing signs of distress at present 5) The ongoing maintenance cost of professional pruning is considerable; 6) Hard pruning trees of this size & maturity runs the risk of them dying off; 7) Cutting into the sides to reduce the lateral spread often reveals bare wood which will not generate new growth; 8) Denuded soil under the trees from lower pH levels and extreme dryness makes them difficult to underplant; 9) The trees are often affected by storms and high winds, and branches have fallen into the neighbouring garden several times, causing a hazard. Replacement As part of a substantial new planting scheme to the wider garden this area would be replanted with large shrubs and hedgerow plants which will provide sufficient privacy screening and attract a vastly greater and more diverse wildlife population.

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	31/08/2023	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 13 th October 2023

Site

The Leylandii trees T1 & T2 are situated in the rear garden of the property. They are not publicly visible.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (12/10/2023 at approximately 11:40am).

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

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Issues

I hold no objections to the proposed removal of the low grade Leylandii that have poor morphology. The trees are close to the properties, poorly sited, out of scale, and are very oppressive.

A methodology to rate their worthiness for a tree preservation would score them low.

The applicant intends to re design the garden with additional trees included.

Recommendation

No Objection

Informative: There is a duty under Section 213 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to plant replacement trees for the removal of trees, and also dead, dying or dangerous.