

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

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Application number	HGY/2026/0638
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	5 Ossian Road Hornsey London N4 4DX
Proposal	Group of mature Sycamore trees that are currently heavily clad in ivy at the rear of properties 1 - 11 Ossian Road. These trees belong to Parkland Walk - please see attached photos of email from Alex Fraser, Programme Manager, Urban Forest & Nature Recovery. T1 - T9: Group of mature Sycamore trees (Acer pseudoplatanus) : sensitive crown reduction on all trees to suitable pruning points, reducing the overall height of each tree by approximately 2 to 2.5 metres and reducing the lateral spread by approximately 2 metres. All pruning works will be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 – Tree Work Recommendations, ensuring that cuts are made to appropriate secondary growth points in order to retain the natural form, structural integrity, and vitality of the trees. As part of the works, the ivy currently covering the stems and primary scaffold branches will be carefully removed. The removal of ivy is recommended to support the long-term management and wellbeing of the trees. At present, the dense ivy coverage obscures the trunks and main structural unions, preventing effective visual inspection of the trees' structural condition. This coverage may potentially conceal signs of decay, cavities, fungal fruiting bodies, or other structural defects. Removing the ivy will therefore allow the trees to be properly inspected and monitored in the future. In addition, ivy can increase wind loading within the crown and retain moisture against the bark, so its removal will assist in maintaining better physiological conditions for the trees. Reason for works: The crowns of these trees are demonstrating extensive deadwood, and have gradually expanded and are now restricting light levels into the rear gardens and properties of six adjoining residential dwellings. The proposed crown reduction is intended to improve daylight penetration into the gardens and rear elevations of these properties while maintaining the trees within a size that is appropriate for their garden setting. The works also form part of an ongoing

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RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	05/03/2026	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 30 th March 2026

Site

The various mature Sycamore trees, as listed above, marked on the plan, and seen in the photographs, are situated in the rear garden of the property. They are publicly visible from the Parkland Walk.

A site visit was not deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works.

The location is also within the Stroud Green 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 for the reasonable proposed re pollarding of the high pollard Sycamore tree.

The specification is within standard good arboricultural practice and husbandry.

The species generally respond well to such reductions and management regimes.

Recommendation

No Objection