

The Ferns, 153-163 Southwood Lane, Hornsey, London, N6 5TA - HGY/2026/1247

Comments from the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

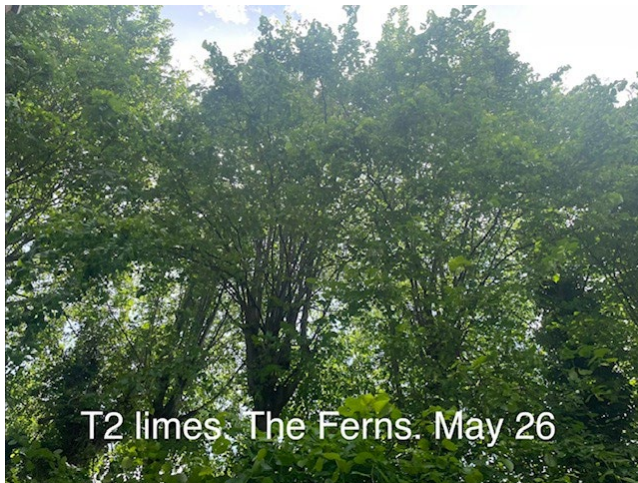
We believe we have, with difficulty, identified these trees.

Although the proposed reductions are within good management practice, the fact is, that taken together, this application amounts to a severe reduction in total canopy. There is a group of mature trees to the rear of this side of Southwood Lane providing habitat, reducing pollution and giving visual amenity to the local area. Sadly trees have been lost on the opposite side of the road so the prospect is less verdant than it used to be.

T1 is prominent and should be maintained in a larger form. A 30% reduction would have a negative effect on this part of Conservation Area and the view from Southwood Lane.



T2 Although this reduction would presumably be to previous pollard points, nevertheless it would considerably reduce the canopy and the habitat for birds. Although Limes respond well to pruning it can take many years to grow back to their full height. Perhaps a solution could be to prune three of them and then prune the other three at a later date.



T4 is also significant and provides shade for this open space. We can see no reason to prune it except that it seems a trifle unbalanced. Pruning to restore the balance and form of the tree would be acceptable.



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