

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2026/1020
Application type	Tree Preservation Order application
Site Address:	Highgate Heights, 77 Shepherds Hill, Hornsey, London, N6 5RF
Proposal	Works to trees protected by a TPO. My client would like to reduce the canopy of T2 (Birch) by up to 2m branch length, only pruning regrowth and not pruning back further than previous pruning points, leaving suitable growth points. The reason for this is to maintain the trees size and keep away from the building. The trees regrowth has weak unions likely due to previous heavy pruning and signs of decay. They would also like to remove T1 (Birch) in the front border. The reason for this, the tree is growing in a brick planter which has become damaged, likely due to the tree. The brick planter is being removed and will be replaced with mature hedging along the border

RECOMMENDATION:	Objection	
Application date	09/04/2026	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 16 th June 2026

Site

The Birch trees T1 & T2, as marked on the plan and seen in the photographs, are situated in the front communal grounds of the property. They are publicly visible.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (07/05/2026 at 12:39pm).

The trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

Proposal

Tree works proposed.

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Issues

I object to the overall crown reduction of the Birch tree T2. The tree has fully restored its crown and has good morphology. The tree has reached its potential height.

Rather than an overall crown reduction I would hold no objections to lesser work pulling back from the structure to allow 3m clearance.

I object to the removal of the Birch tree T1. Rather than remove I would hold no objections to lesser works of an overall crown reduction of 2m (back to most recent previous pruning points).

This would curtail shoot/ root ratio and the dwarf wall could be repaired.

Recommendation

Objection

Informative:

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T1 Rather than tree removal I would hold no objections to lesser works of an overall crown reduction of 2m (back to most recent previous pruning points)