



Property Risk Inspection LIMITED

Our Ref: 361642

Statement of Reasons for Tree Preservation Order Application to fell and treat stump of one Ash tree (T2) due to Health & Safety at: 37 Coolhurst Road, London N8 8ET

TPO Ref: TPO/2014/1009

1. During inspection, the tree was found to exhibit a significant fungal fruiting body of *Inonotus spp.* located approximately 14 metres above ground level on the western side of the main stem, adjacent to the tree's crown break. The presence of this decay fungus indicates the likelihood of extensive internal wood degradation and a reduction in the structural integrity of the stem and large branches.
2. The Ash tree occupies a prominent position immediately adjacent to residential properties, pedestrian access routes, gardens and areas of regular occupation. The tree's mature size, combined with evidence of fungal decay affecting the main stem, creates an elevated risk of structural failure.
3. *Inonotus* species are recognised as causing substantial decay within host trees, often reducing residual wall thickness and increasing the likelihood of stem or scaffold branch failure. Given the tree's poor condition, mature dimensions and proximity to areas of frequent human activity, retention would present an unacceptable level of risk to occupiers of 37 Coolhurst Road and neighbouring properties, visitors and contractors accessing the site, parked cars and surrounding infrastructure and members of the public using adjacent access routes.
4. It is the case that an alternative to felling such as pruning or significant 'pollarding' of the tree would not provide a sustainable or suitable remedy to the health and safety risk.
5. Understanding the requirement to offer replacement planting in the event of consent to fell is granted.
6. Should you wish to visit the address or to discuss any technical matters your technical liaison in this instance is Henry Collings who can be contacted on 07740 737412.
We stress we would be happy to meet or to have any discussion if this allows the Council to fully understand our application and the issues surrounding this.

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