

Objection from the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum
to HGY/2026/2180

The sketch map is totally inadequate particularly as this is a flat within a mansion block. There is no indication of the site of the mansion block nor where the tree is within the site.

The photos appear to show a private path within the site rather than a public pavement.

It is unclear whether the roots of the fig are affecting the path, nor whether they will in the future. There is a fig in Waterlow Park that is probably at least 200 years old. Its roots do not affect the path or the wall behind.

The cracking seems minor and superficial. It could easily be repaired with a skim of concrete or asphalt, but better, would be to relay the area basement, with a SUDS material allowing rain to get through to the sub soil and the roots of the tree.

A site visit shows the tree to be shading the public footpath. It is a mature tree making a significant contribution to the street scene. There is no sign of any cracking to the public pavement, nor the low wall. The removal of trees further towards Archway Road has been a loss both environmentally and to the visual amenity of the immediate area. This further loss would totally alter the character of this part of the Conservation Area. As an example of a mature fig giving great public benefit to this well used route from Highgate Station to Highgate Village, we consider it worthy of a Tree Protection Order.

We would not object to sensitive pruning to shape the tree.

Please note that the applicant, Tim Tait, says that he is the owner of the tree AND that he is acting as an agent. It is unclear who owns the freehold of this company or the leasehold of his flat.



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