

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2026/2180
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	9 Southwood Mansions, Southwood Lane, Hornsey, London, N6 5SZ
Proposal	<i>Front garden: fig (T1) - fell.</i> <i>Reason: An initial assessment (not a full arboricultural survey) indicates the tree is the likely cause of cracking in the pavement. The roots will continue to expand and so cracking will likely continue to worsen. Pruning will not significantly reduce damage over the medium term.</i> <i>The cracking can be seen extending towards the building. The tree is located around 2m from the building. British Geology Survey maps show the property sited on Claygate member clay which is not as shrinkable as London clay but is still considered to have medium to high shrinkability. This could be confirmed through lab soil tests. Considering the period of the building, the foundations are likely to be shallow strip foundations. This could be confirmed through exploratory digging</i>

RECOMMENDATION:	Objection- TPO Made	
Application date	31/07/2026	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 27 th August 2026

Site

The Fig tree T1, as marked on the plan, and seen in the photographs, is situated in the front grounds of the property. It is publicly visible.

A site visit was not deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (26/08/2026 at approximately 1:08pm).

The location is also within the Highgate Conservation Area. This protects every tree with a diameter at breast height (taken at 1.5m) >75mm.

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Issues

I object to the removal of the Fig tree and have made a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

The TPO has also been requested by local stakeholders.

A site visit revealed no damage to the pavement, basement, and no evidence has been submitted regarding indirect damage.

The area of basement adjacent to the Fig, appears not to be in use.

A methodology to rate the Fig's worthiness for a TPO scores high.

The tree adds character to the Conservation Area, and I am sure the residents of Southwood Mansion appreciate the benefits (including screening and shading).

The Local Planning Authority would consider future applications for crown reductions.

Figs reduce well and this would also curtail the shoot/ root ratio.

Recommendation

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