PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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Application number	CON/2022/0003
Application type	**Conservation area notification**
Site Address:	2 Southwood Avenue, N6 5RY
Proposal	We have two mature sycamore trees in our rear garden which are close to our house and we intend to get the trees pruned, reducing them by approximately 30%. We wish to undertake this work to reduce the risk of them causing damage to our property, currently the tree branches are coming into contact with the building and may cause damage to tiles etc.

RECOMMENDATION:	**No Objection**	
Application date	04/01/22	
Tree Inspector	FC.	**Date:** 24th January 2022
	JR	**Date**: 31st January 2022

Site

The trees stand within the rear garden on the boundary with the rear gardens of 237 to 241 Archway Road. The rear garden was not accessed and the trees were viewed from Southwood Avenue.

2 x mature Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) with the following approximate dimensions; height 16 metres, crown spreads 8 metres and trunk diamters 500mm. They trees are of average condition and normal vigour. The lower trunks and basal areas were not visible. The trunks have been topped at 3 metres and 6 metres height, then allowed to grow large crowns. The crowns comprise 'long lever arms' above the 6 metre topping points and there is evidence of decay in old pruning wounds. The crowns are mutually suppressed extending over the roof of 2 Southwood Avenue and across the neighbouring rear gardens.





The trees are clearly visible from the adjacent roads and provide a significant screen between the residential properties of Southwood Avenue and Archway Road. They have large canopies and are an important feature close to the main road.

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Issues

The main issues arising from this proposal relate to the temporary loss of canopy cover following the proposed crown reduction.

The crowns are overhanging the roof of the house, and so could cause damage to the fabric of the building. The crowns are formed of ‘long lever arms’ which may be weakly attached so could fail in windy conditions. Crown reduction is considered to be appropriate arboricultural management given the juxtaposition of the trees and residential property.

The proposed crown reduction of 30% is not strictly to BS 3998:2010 specifications and should be limited to a maximum of 4 metres branch length.

Sycamore will tolerate crown reduction work and the trees appear to be of normal vigour so should respond well to the proposed pruning.

Recommendation

No Objection