PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2026/3089
Application type	**Conservation Area Notification**
Site Address:	Midhurst 2 Lauradale Road Hornsey London N2 9LU
Proposal	*Five Day Notice (FDN) for works to tree protected by a Provisional TPO.* *T1 - Horse Chestnut - 3 metre reduction. The is a large Ganoderma bracket at the base of the tree, and due to high risk target zones we would like to take some weight off the crown. A 3 metre crown reduction would help rebalance the tree also*

RECOMMENDATION:	**No Objection**	
Application date	11/11/2026	
Tree Inspector	DM	**Date:** 12th November 2026

Site

The mature large Horse Chestnut tree T1, as seen in the model Tree Preservation Order (TPO), and marked on the plan, is situated in the front garden of the property. It is publicly visible from all aspects.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (10/11/2026).

The tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

Proposal

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Issues

I hold no objections to the proposed reasonable pruning works and for the reasons given.

The specification is within standard good arboricultural practice and husbandry.

The species generally responds well to such management regimes.

An emergency same day TPO was placed on the Horse Chestnut (HC) tree on the 10/11/2026 when contractors ceased dismantling and felling the tree. The HC tree was just outside the Muswell Hill Conservation Area.

There is a large *Ganoderma* spp. bracket at the base of the tree's trunk on the tension side.

Large *Ganoderma* brackets can indicate a large cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin and starch food reserve present.

A sound test with a nylon head mallet indicated no hollow drum sounds and seemly sufficient sound residue wood.

The tree has good vigour and vitality.

A tree of such high amenity value requires further mechanical investigation to investigate the cross section of the trunk at the suspected compromised area. An informed decision and if need be, management regime can then be applied.

The mitigating and remedial crown reduction will decrease the sail and weight within the crown.

A third of the tree was worked on prior to the making of the TPO. There is sufficient growth (including epinastic growth) left on the worked scaffold. The reduction will balance the crown and bring the tree's morphology into shape. It is the mainly for the rebalancing reason that I hold no objections to the works being carried out under a FDN.

The applicants are currently arranging the further mechanical investigations by an approved Consultant.

Recommendation

No Objection