

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2023/3054
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	Flat 4 5 Crouch Hall Road Hornsey London N8 8HT
Proposal	T1 - Sycamore tree: Remove to ground level and replace with a more suitable one as the tree is in very close proximity to the neighbouring building, being 3 meters away from its foundations. The Sycamore also causes excessive shading, produces a large amount of dead leaves in autumn, and has a large enough cavity opening at the base compromising trees structural integrity and greatly reducing its life span (on the advice of a tree surgeon). The replacement will be planted further from the neighbouring building and have a smaller profile to the current one, such as a birch or hawthorn.

RECOMMENDATION:	Objection	
Application date	13/11/2023	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 19 th December 2023

Site

The Sycamore tree T1 is situated in the rear garden of the property. It is publicly visible from Clifton Road and to the surrounding properties.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (18/12/2023 at 11:20am approximately).

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

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Issues

The cavity at the base of the mature Sycamore stem T1 has (when probed) occluded and coalesced well with good wound wood and strengthened ribs.

The closed cavity is on the compression side of the stem. A simple sound test with a nylon mallet revealed no decay or hollow sounds. The wound wood has compensated for the cavity, and as such the structural integrity at the time of inspection is not compromised. All buttress roots were found to be sound.

The tree has a good open growth morphology and adds to the characteristic sylvan of the area. Removal would compromise and expose the adjacent asymmetric growth of the Ash tree. The sycamore appears to have good vigour and vitality.

The Local Planning Authority (LPA) are evidence led when it comes to subsidence cases and not speculation. Any evidence of subsidence with trees with protective restrictions should be submitted by the Insurers to the LPA.

A discussion with the tree owners regarding addressing the above perceived issues, has made the owners want to retain the Sycamore that they greatly value.

Recommendation

Objection

Amendment: Owners have decided to retain the Sycamore tree T1