

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2023/3154
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	32 Wood Lane Hornsey London N6 5UB
Proposal	Rear Garden: T1: Mature Acer: (Norway Maple): Approximately 14.00m: Section fell to as near as near to ground level as is practicable and treat stump with systemic herbicide. Our Client wishes to have this tree felled and would like to replace with a more suitable specimen for its location: This tree is suppressing a Magnolia tree beneath. The tree is growing within close proximity to the house and close to the boundary wall.

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	23/11/2023	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 20 th December 2023

Site

The Norway Maple tree T1, as marked on the plan and seen in the photographs (see below), is situated in the rear garden of the property. It is not publicly visible.

A site visit was not deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works.

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 hold no objection to the removal of the Norway Maple tree T1.

From the photographs the garden gives the impression of being small, confined, and narrow. This is partly due to the garden being terraced downwards. From aerial imagery the tree's crown also appears close to the structures.

The Maple is within the first third of its life. Norway Maples require space to fully grow and develop an open crown that has preferably never been overall reduced. Norway maples have the potential to reach mature heights of 18m and nearly equally widths up to 15m.

This is the part reason why the tree has been repeatedly reduced regularly back to the most recent previous. Maples generally reduce well, and this tree shows good vigour and vitality.

The removal of the tree will allow the replacement, aftercare, and management of a more suitable species for the site.

We have been in dialogue with the applicant and client, and they propose to re plant with Birch tree. A Himalayan Birch would have good all year-round interest (bark).

Both neighbours, either side, have been informed of intentions to remove the Maple tree and there are no objections.

Removal of the Maple tree will not affect screening. The property is south facing but is generally wooded. Removal will allow more diffuse daylight to enter the surroundings. The planting of a Birch will allow dapple light through the crown.

Recommendation

No Objection

Informative: There is a duty under Section 213 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to plant replacement trees for the removal of trees, and also dead, dying or dangerous.

