

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2023/3190
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	115 North Hill, Hornsey, London, N6 4DP
Proposal	T1: Eucalyptus (15m): Fell to as close to ground level as possible as tree is growing too big for its location in the rear garden and continual pruning to keep it at a size suitable is not practical and would be aesthetically unpleasing. Also, there is little room for further growth due to close proximity to wall and there is a risk of damaging the wall.

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	28/11/2023	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 29 th January 2024

Site

The Eucalyptus tree T1, is situated in the rear garden of the property. It is indiscernibly publicly visible from View Road and Broadlands Road N6.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (24/01/2024 at approximately 11am).

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 objections to the proposed removal of the Eucalyptus tree.

The tree is a young mature specimen.

There is some confusion regarding permission already granted under CON/2022/0407 (dated 10/11/2022) to fell the tree. However, the specification for that Sec.211 Notice was to approve:

‘Rear Garden:

T1: Eucalyptus: Approximately 14.00m: Reduce crown height by up to 3.50m pruning back to suitable, viable growth points. Reduce lateral and sub-lateral branch structure by approximately 2.00m. Thin crown density throughout by 20%. General maintenance.’

However, from a site visit I can concur and confirm the following:

- The back garden is a small yard. The garden has been designed and landscaped well with a diverse range of plants. The Eucalyptus would have been part of the landscaping planting at the time
- The Eucalyptus tree has outgrown its space, is not suitable for the site, and out of scale
- Eucalyptus trees are high water demanding trees, fast growing and whilst reductions can be carried out, the arisings would always have to come through the above property
- The tree has been planted too close to an adjacent structure and the bordering fence line

The tree does provide screening between the properties on the back boundary.

The applicant intends to re plant with a more suitable and native tree such as an ornamental Cherry tree. The species will require no major works, no arisings through the property, and will provide a screen again.

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.