

Mercy Oruwari

From: Mercy.Oruwari@haringey.gov.uk
Subject: FW: HGY/2023/1263

Hi Mercy,

RE:
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015
Application No: HGY/2023/1263
Proposal: Re-design and landscaping of rear garden including the creation of tiered garden levels and alterations to the location of trees.
Site Address: 53 Cholmeley Crescent, Hornsey, London, N6 5EX

I object to the above proposal.

An arboricultural report has been submitted by All Arboriculture dated 24th March 2023.
The report has been carried out to British Standard 5837 2012: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction-Recommendations.

It has been confirmed that one of the *Malus* spp. is to remain (T3) and the other *Malus* (T2) is to be removed.
The mature Ash tree T1 is also proposed to be removed.

The *Malus* spp. trees are in good condition. However, they have no public visibility and such the loss of one tree would have an insignificant impact.

The quality tree assessment for the Ash tree T1 is grade C. However, the tree could be also assessed as a B1.
Category B1 or C trees can still be retained and incorporated into a design.
The Ash tree has suppressed deadwood within the lower canopy that needs to be removed along with girdling the ivy 2m at the base.

Reasons cited for the removal of this Ash tree is that it does not provide winter screening form Southwood Heights which is approximately 43m away. It is proposed to re plant with conifer species such as Leylandii to offer all year-round privacy and screening.

T1 is a mature Ash tree with a full canopy giving an instant impact. It forms part of an extended corridor of trees along the back boundary of the properties of Cholmeley Crescent.
The tree can be viewed from street level between the properties along with the magnificent large Sycamore tree to the rear of 51 Cholmeley Crescent.
Even when these trees are not in leaf, their overall form, silhouette, and branch structure would break the line, and draw the eye away from the surrounding structures.
To fell mature trees that are our biggest assets within the peri-urban environment for garden designs would be a dangerous precedent to set. Existing mature trees need to be incorporated within the landscape design.

The Arboricultural report does not account for the neighbouring property trees (root protection areas RPA) especially the large Sycamore tree in the rear of 51.

A 1m change in levels would also have a detrimental affect within the RPA of the Ash tree.

Until the above issues are addressed, I cannot support this application.

Regards,

Senior Arboricultural Officer (Planning)