

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2024/0057
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	22 Oldfield Mews Hornsey London N6 5XA
Proposal	The property in question garden consists of five tall trees situated in our garden where the branches are extremely long and are falling down. During the evenings in recent days, tall long thick branches have fallen down and have nearly caused injury to my partner and myself while walking in our garden. We consider that the trees are a health and safety hazard to not only ourselves but to guests entering our home. For these reasons and in these circumstances, we kindly request that the Council allow consent for the applicant to instruct a tree surgeon to remove the five trees (entirely). I file with this application a copy of the title plan of the property edged in red together with 5 areas highlighted in green showing approximately where the trees are situated. I also enclose a larger plan zoomed in for the council's ease of reference. For any avoidance of doubt the trees are not privy to any Tree Preservation Order. I would respectfully ask the Council to allow permission for the removal of the trees as we have genuine concerns of the health and safety of the occupiers residing at the property. The trees are all situated in the demise of the property.

RECOMMENDATION:	Objection	
Application date	11/01/2024	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 13 th February 2024

Site

The trees, from a site visit are four mature pollard Limes and one cherry. They are situated in the rear garden of the property. They are publicly visible within the copse from Hornsey Lane.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (26/01/2024 at approximately 12pm).

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

The Lime trees add to the silvan and character of the area, the surrounding cul-de-sac, provide screening, native species, form an essential wider green corridor, benefit biodiversity, and can also be viewed from the public footway.

Collectively they would score worthy of a Tree Preservation Order using a methodology to rate their worthiness for a TPO.

The Lime trees have been managed as high pollards on a regular basis. This manages trees root/ shoot ratio and can bring Limes into scale, as is the case here, with their surroundings. Lime trees generally pollard well.

Trees are natural dynamic living organisms and need regular condition surveys. At the time of inspection, the trees were in a reasonable condition.

We have been in dialogue with the applicant, and they have agreed to manage the trees by pruning back to the most recent previous pruning points. The ivy can be girdled 2m clearance at the base. This will allow more light into the garden and allow easier future tree inspections at the base.

The tree closest to the structure is a dead (past reduction) cherry. This tree is exempt and can be removed. Due to the adequate tree cover within the vicinity the need to re plant is not necessary.

One Lime tree is an original boundary tree to the fence line. A fence contractor will be able to find a working practical solution.

A reputable Arborist or Consultant will be able to provide any further and future management advice for the trees.

Recommendation

Objection