

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2024/0035
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	Flat A, 18 Shepherds Hill, Hornsey, London, N6 5AQ
Proposal	T1- Refers to a Large Lime tree We're seeking permission to remove. Its around 14 meters tall, Trunk diameter around 1.4 meters across on attending to quote maintenance we identified a hollow at around 4 meters on the south side of the trunk then also one at the base around 0.4 meter high on the north side of the trunk, using a bamboo stick we measure the trunk is around 85% Hollow (photos attached, video available) Because of this major concern the Lime Tree needs to be removed, this will be done over 2 years, initially reducing the tree by 60% 8 meters leaving a 6 meter monolith before tree is taken right down following year,

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	05/01/2024	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 5 th March 2024

Site

The large mature Lime *Tilia* spp. tree, as marked on the plan and seen in the photographs, is situated in the rear garden of the property. It is not publicly visible but, is visible to the surrounding properties, adds to the character, silva, and biodiversity of the surrounding area

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (01/03/2024 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

I hold no objection to the proposed removal of the Lime tree due to its structural condition.

The tree up till now has been managed as a high pollard.

A probe with long driver, at the clamp base of the tree, revealed extensive and progressive decay and soft rot within the heartwood, with little sound residue sound wood.

A sound test with a nylon head mallet had the decay >1m up the trunk from the base with hollow drum sounds all around.

I would have no objection to the complete removal of the tree rather than in stages as the tree is at the stage of collapsing under its own weight. The garden is confined and there is a neighbouring outbuilding.

Risk assessments will need to be carried out by the Arboricultural company prior to the dismantling of this tree.

This is a neighbouring boarder boundary tree and there is a query ownership. I am aware that the neighbours are in dialogue and agreement with regards to managing the tree.

The applicant is prepared to replant with a suitable species and there is a duty to replant dead, dying and dangerous trees in a Conservation Area (see informative below).

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.