

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2024/0048
Application type	Tree Preservation Order application
Site Address:	Thirsk Cottage, Stanhope Road, Hornsey, London, N6 5DE
Proposal	Works to trees protected by a Group TPO Front garden T1 Horse Chestnut, remove epicormic growth on main trunk, reduce vertical growth back by 2 M approx. back into most recent previous pruning points T2 Oak tree, reduce lateral branches by 2 M approx. to clear building (Please note that the proposed works to T3 London Plane and T4 Ash do not require permission as the trees are not protected by a TPO).

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	08/01/2024	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 19 th March 2024

Site

The trees T1 Horse Chestnut & T2 Oak, as marked on the plan and seen in the photographs, are situated in the front garden of the property and the adjacent land (Parkland Walk). They are publicly visible.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (18/03/2024 at approximately 10:30am).

The trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

Proposal

Tree works proposed.

Works to trees protected by a Group TPO

Front garden

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T2 Oak tree, reduce lateral branches by 2 M approx. to clear building

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Issues

I hold no objections to the reasonable repeat proposed pruning works.

The Horse Chestnut, to bring into scale with its surroundings, has been reduced before (high pollard) and the Oak has also been sensitively pruned back from the structure to provide clearance and avoid nuisance issues such as direct damage.

The specification is within good arboricultural practice, husbandry and is standard.

Both the Horse Chestnut and Oak generally respond well from such pruning.

I have met with the applicant and spoken to the contractor. The contractor intends to use a MEWP to access, use Silky pruning saws and a pole saw to prune the Oak growing within the Parkland Walk.

Concerns, for the Oak tree's physiology, have been raised regarding time of year to prune. Managing agents of large tree stocks, and arborists prune trees all year round. There is debate and literature review regarding spring rising osmosis H2O preventing entry of pathogens, late summer built up photosynthates, wound wood, translocation, and winter dormant season. All are justified times for pruning. This oak is having minimal work carried out back to growing points with no large wounds. No branch collars, hormone balance or phenol compounds will be affected so timing of season is irrelevant.

Reputable Arboricultural companies are aware of wildlife and nesting seasons. There is a legal duty and emphasis to discharge this and where need be they carry out and record wildlife surveys.

Permission is for two years and contractors can always reschedule works for nesting or roosting wildlife.

The above works will allow the continuing coexistence of large trees to buildings within the peri urban environment.

Recommendation

No Objection