

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2024/0601
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	4 Tile Kiln Lane, Hornsey, London, N6 5LG
Proposal	The works to be carried out are the felling of T3, T4, T5 (Chamaecyparis lawsoniana) trees in the Treeworks plan (4TKL Treeworks.pdf) submitted. They are of heights between 4.5m to 7m. All three have been lobbed off at the top and are of girths between 28-40cm. The crowns are small and sparse. T4 and T5 have trunks that do not grow straight. There are two much larger Cupressus x leylandii that would benefit from having more space to grow if the smaller trees (T3-T5) were removed. Additional new trees will be planted at the bottom of the garden with smaller trees planted in the current positions of T3-T5 once they have been removed.

RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection	
Application date	04/03/2024	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 25 th April 2024

Site

The *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* trees T3, T4 & T5, as marked on the map and seen in the photographs, are situated in the rear garden of the property. They are indiscernibly publicly visible from the Archway Road.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (23 April 2024 at approximately 10am).

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 three *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* T3, T4, & T5.

The understorey trees are stunted, weak specimens with poor morphology. The low-grade trees are also not worthy of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) when using a methodology to rate their worthiness for a TPO. Their removal would not have an overall insignificant impact to the area.

The land on the embankment is under various ownerships. My understanding is that the wall belongs to TfL, then public land followed by the private gardens.

The area provides a vital green corridor leading out to a perpetual matrix (within and outside the Borough) of private gardens, Ancient Semi Natural Woodland, Local Nature Reserves, Local wildlife sites known as SINC's, ancient Heath, Metropolitan Land, and SSSI.

It is important that these sites are not threatened or fragmented further, and connections are encouraged to be made between them.

The belt also provides important screening and sound proofing for the east facing properties that overlook the Red Route Archway Road. Quick growing *Cupressus x leylandii* have been planted, in the past, to provide a screen. These have fast outgrown their surroundings in the small steep rear gardens.

This green corridor will always have succession, where opportunities allow, from the seed bank. These will mainly be Sycamore, Ash, and shade tolerant understorey species.

The decking in number 4 Tile Kiln Lane is rotten and in a dangerous condition. The garden is being re designed by a Landscaper. They intend to re plant with a suitable shade tolerant tree that will be in scale with the garden, add diversity, and be a focal point of interest.

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.