

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2024/0740
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	Flat B 106 Stapleton Hall Road Hornsey London N4 4QA
Proposal	W1 - Willow tree - Overgrown, reduce on all sides by 3m to allow sun to reach our and neighbour's garden. The neighbour mentioned that our garden is overgrown and that this tree should be trimmed. B1, B2, B3 - Cut down birch trees. These trees are blocking sunlight in our and neighbour's garden. P1, P2 - Cut down palm trees. These trees are blocking sunlight in our garden. I1 - Ivy tree - Its branches hang on the fence, damage the fence and block all sunlight in the area. Cut overhanging branches. The garden is completely surrounded by vegetation on all sides. Vegetation was identified as "overgrown" by the surveyor and we were advised to cut down/trim trees to allow more light.

RECOMMENDATION:	Objection	
Application date	18/03/2024	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 3 rd May 2024

Site

The various trees, as marked on the plan, and seen in the photographs, are situated in the rear garden of the property. They are not publicly visible.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (03/05/2024 at approximately 10am).

The location is also within the Stroud Green Conservation Area. This protects every tree with a diameter at breast height (taken at 1.5m) >75mm.

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Issues

My only objection is the removal of the three Himalayan Birch trees B1, B2, & B3. These are an established, focal point of interest, good, grouped specimen of trees with excellent vigour and vitality (worthy of a Tree Preservation Order TPO). The rear gardens are on a slope and the residents overlook and enjoy a treescape.

The garden has been landscaped in the past with a variety of good plants. The aspect of the garden is south facing. However, due to the railway bank to the rear and the adjacent gardens there are many large mature trees blocking the sunlight. The garden, as such, has been designed as a woodland garden and adds to the green corridor along the rear gardens and railway embankment.

We have been in dialogue with the resident, and they have agreed that rather than fell the group of Birch trees they are prepared to carry out an overall crown reduction of the height by 2-3m. This is acceptable and with standard good arboricultural practice and husbandry.

W1 Willow responds well to such reductions and the low-grade Palms are not worthy of a TPO when using a methodology to rate their worthiness for a TPO.

Recommendation

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