

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2024/0661
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	14 Bloomfield Road Hornsey London N6 4ET
Proposal	T1- Magnolia tree- (6m) cut to ground level

RECOMMENDATION:	Objection	
Application date	11/03/2024	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 26 th April 2024

Site

The *Magnolia* spp. tree T1, as marked on the plan and seen in the photographs, is situated in the rear garden of the property. It is publicly visible from Bloomfield Road N6.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (10/04/2024 at approximately 11am).

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

Proposal

Tree works proposed.

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Issues

I object to the proposed removal of the mature medium size *Magnolia* spp. tree.

The tree has good open growth (morphology), in scale with its surroundings, adds early spring interest, good amenity value and would be worthy of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

The tree has been implicated in indirect damage case (subsidence) to the owner's property.

However, the evidence submitted by the Insurers is woefully lacking and contradictory. The following has been noted:

- No BRE 251 Digest category has been given for the cracks, the extent or photographs
- No live or dead magnolia roots have been found under the foundations in either trial pit/ bore hole to a depth of 3m (foundation depth 1.3m TP1/BH1 which is closest to the structure and the *Magnolia* tree, and no foundation depth has been given for TP2/BH2 however, from the diagram the TP2/BH2 is set away from the structure)
- Water strikes in TP1/BH1 with moisture content in the profile 40-41% and Shear Vane low to moderate with soil suction low
- Moisture content in TP2/BH2 is not below 30%, shear vane is moist to high at depth in the profile, and soil suction moderate to severe at depth
- No LL, PL, or MPI has been given for either borehole
- A drainage report recommends replacing 3m length of pipe for run 1 and 2m for run 2
- There is no Engineer report or Arboricultural report
- No crack or level monitoring results have been supplied

Until the above has been supplied, clarified and evidence submitted by the Insurers and their Engineer team, we cannot entertain the application. We will be therefore recommending a TPO is made until the any further evidence is forthcoming.

Recommendation

Objection