

PROTECTED TREE REPORT (TREE WORKS)

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

Application number	HGY/2024/0741
Application type	Conservation Area Notification
Site Address:	23 Wolseley Road, Hornsey, London, N8 8RR
Proposal	T1 - cypress tree (6m) - take down to ground level. T2 - cypress tree (6m) - take down to ground level. T3 - birch tree (10m) - take down to ground level. T4 - birch tree (10m) - take down to ground level. T5 - birch tree (9m) - take down to ground level. T6 - birch tree (9m) - take down to ground level. T7 - birch tree (10m) - take down to ground level. T8 - cypress tree (9m) - take down to ground level. T9 - cypress tree (9m) - take down to ground level.

RECOMMENDATION:		
Application date	18/03/2024	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 24 th May 2024

Site

The various trees, as listed above, seen in the photographs, and marked on the sketch plan, are situated in the rear garden of the property. They are publicly visible from Birchington Road and the junction with Wolseley Road N8.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (13/05/2024 at approximately 10:50am).

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

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Issues

The group of mature large trees when viewed from the public highway have good amenity value, add to the character and streetscape, have all year-round interest, and form part of the green corridor matrix through the private gardens throughout the ward and beyond.

On the above merits the trees would score high using an impartial methodology to rate their worthiness for a Tree Preservation Order.

A site visit and access to the garden side revealed a small garden suppressed by the large growth of the multi-stemmed Western Red Cedars. These trees have the capability of

growing larger and often have prostrate growth. The conifers have never been topped to curtail shoot to root growth.

One Western Red Cedar is showing die back and decline at the top of the crown's leaders.

There are tight forks on some of the Western Red Cedars and this is often characteristic of the species.

There is also a medium to large Walnut tree in the garden on the rear boundary that has its full visibility masked by the conifers.

Several Birch trees are competing amongst the dominant Western Red Cedars and their morphology as such has been affected.

It is evident that the 7-8ft retaining high wall's vertical is leaning by >10 degrees at several points along the length of the boundary wall with many of the trees in 3ft proximity to the wall.

The levels are higher on the garden side than at street level (approximately 5ft).

A discussion with the applicant, it was agreed, that the wall needs, from a safety point of view, to be assessed by a Structural Engineer.

This will aid progress with this case and help make an overall informed decision.

Recommendation