

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:	No Objection	
Application date	18/03/2024	
Tree Inspector	DM	Date: 26 th March 2025

Site

The various trees, as listed and described 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 Wolseley Road and Birchington Road N8.

A site visit was deemed necessary to determine the appropriateness of the proposed works (13/05/2024 at approximately 11:15am).

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

Proposal

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Issues

I hold no objections to the proposed removal of the listed trees above for the following reasons below.

We have been in dialogue with the applicant, over several months, since receiving the above application.

A site visit allowed access into the rear garden. It is evident that the large Western Red Cedars, and trees are causing noteworthy direct damage to the wall and affecting the vertical of the approximately 30m long and 3m high partly retaining wall. One mature Western Red Cedar and Birch are in a state of decline with significant die back.

Characteristic for the Cedars, are that they have prostrated lower branch growth, bifurcation and trifurcation, tight forks, dying lower suppressed branches and tight inclusions.

The garden is small, and these large mature Cedar trees (capable of heights 30- 46m), are inappropriately sited, limited and restricted environment to grow, dominating, oppressive, too closely planted to each other, planted too close to the wall, have outgrown their surroundings and unsuitable for such a small garden.

Such statement trees are generally found in open spaces, arboretums, forests, and large private estates where they can achieve their ultimate and magnificent growth within the landscape as individual trees or within groups.

A Structural Engineer's report has since been submitted, and stabilisation of the wall is required.

It is proposed that the soil level on the garden side is dropped. This is currently affecting the upper wall that is of risk of failing. The repairs will then be reviewed and an Engineering solution adopted. Any major drop in soil levels will affect the trees overall condition and stability. These works will involve major disruption.

The trees do add to the greenery, character, silvan, all round interest and peri urban green garden corridors of the area.

A landscape plan has been submitted along with a tree specification.

It is proposed to re plant for the loss of trees with x1 *Betula Utilis Jacquemontii*, x2 *Cercis Canadensis*, x3 *Corylus Avellana*, and various shrubs and plants.

The garden size is approximately 180m² (about 30m² patio + 70m² grass area + 80m² planting area). The diameter of the height and canopy size of the three suggested trees is 4-8m (counting the average spread as 6 meters) the canopy of the three trees will cover 110m².

The small garden is currently overpopulated with large closely planted large trees. The loss of nine trees and the planting of six more suitable species is appropriate scaling.

The newly planted trees will have the space to form full open crowns, should not require any future facilitating pruning, and can be set back from the wall to avoid any future nuisance issues such as direct damage. The *Cercis Canadensis* will have early spring interest with copious flowers, and rather than the garden being dominated by the oppressive Cedars and the casting shade, the south facing garden can be enjoyed more by the occupants.

The landscaping of the garden will allow for more suitable species and spacings to be chosen for the site whilst dealing and rectifying the necessary adjacent wall repairs.

The continuity of the vernal area and corridor will be continued.

It is for the conflated reasoning above that there are no objections to the proposal for the removal of these trees.

Recommendation

No Objection