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Comments: Really sad to see that Haringey is not remotely upholding its commitment to maintaining the natural environment. After the recent flooding in 2021 that afflicted parts of London and the rest of the world, and Crouch End in particular, I would have thought that planning authorities would have realised that covering yet more of our earth's surface in concrete rather than naturally draining terrain is only going to exacerbate the problem.

The fact that this ancient tree is doing an essential job in absorbing the carbon emissions and the carbon sinkhole beneath it is a vastly important fact that has been overlooked. No amount of newly planted trees can hope to match the job the existing tree does.

Let's not pretend that the concrete ramp will serve many people either. Anyone in a wheelchair who wishes to access the parkland walk will be deeply disappointed once they have ascended the ramp, for the surface of the actual path is unsuited to wheelchair users, who will find it a bumpy ride.

We cannot afford to be cutting down trees. Haringey Council has an abysmal record in so many areas of local governance; here is an opportunity to make a stand and lead the way with confidence and prioritise environmental values over the unproven so-called 'needs' of an imagined few.