

Arboricultural Report

Regarding an ash tree at

**36 Ornan Road
London
NW3 4QB**



I am instructed by Fleur Meijs to inspect an ash tree (T1) that grows in the rear garden of the above property and provide a tree works specification.

Inspection details

I assessed the tree on the 17th of June 2024.

The inspection was undertaken from ground level using binoculars, a sounding mallet and metal probes. The tree was assessed using the VTA system as endorsed by the Arboricultural Association and the British Standards Institute. I examined the stem base, stem, scaffold branches and branch junctions for anomalies, defects, or symptoms of disease or inner decay which might affect structural integrity.

No climbing or specialist decay detection were undertaken.

Tree Location

The tree is located where shown below:





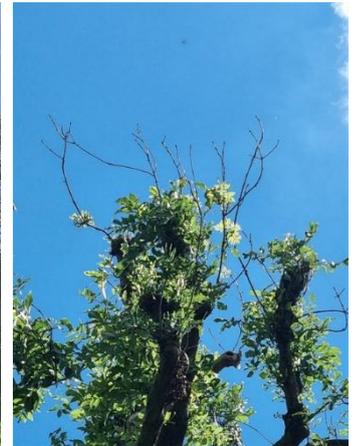
Tree Description and Discussion

T1 is a mature ash tree with a height of approximately 15m and a stem diameter of 70cm. It has a radial canopy spread of approximately 4m. It is Twin-stemmed at 4m with a balanced crown. and was recently heavily reduced (lopped). The stem of the tree was clad in ivy during the inspection so could not be adequately inspected.

T1 is located very close to the nearby properties on Ornan Road, and overhangs two residential gardens.

The tree shows symptoms of an ash dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) infection with dieback, blackening and wilting of twigs and leaves.

This is a terminal disease which will lead to the death and embrittlement of larger branches which will become hazardous. Eventually, the entire tree will die and become hazardous. Therefore, the tree is considered beyond its safe useful life. I am informed that the residents of 36 Ornan Road are concerned about the risk T1 poses to people and property given its declining condition.



Tree Work Specification

The following works are specified:

Tree Ref	Works Specification
T1	Remove

Statutory Protection

On the 24th of January 2025, we were informed by Rav Curry, Planning Assistant at London Borough of Camden that 1 ash tree to the rear of 38 Ornan Road is protected by a tree preservation order (reference C61-T25), and that a site is located within the Redington Frogнал Conservation Area. Therefore, consent will need to be obtained from the local authority prior to undertaking the above works.

Signed

Carl Lothian

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Arboricultural Consultant

Dated 6th February 2025

Appendix 1: Qualifications and Experience.

Qualifications & Experience of Carl Lothian – BSc (Hons) (Arboriculture).

Carl began his career undertaking a Level 3 extended diploma in arboriculture and forestry at Merrist Wood College in 2015. Upon completion of his diploma, Carl worked with several tree surgery firms completing a range of arboricultural works. In 2018 Carl began his BSc (Hons) in arboriculture and urban forestry, graduating with a first-class degree and attaining the Institute of Chartered Foresters student of the year award.

After graduating, Carl worked as a TreeRadar technician where he carried out tree root and decay surveys with specialist ground-penetrating radar equipment. During this time Carl was fortunate enough to work at prestigious sites, such as the Palace of Westminster and the National Maritime Museum.

Whilst working at Crown, Carl has undertaken a range of tree surveys and written reports relating to development, safety, subsidence, and decay detection. Carl is a professional member of the Arboricultural association.

