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## Report

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I have attended the site of 32 Elliott Square NW3 to inspect and provide advice on the hornbeam in the rear of the property.

The tree is located centrally at the rear of the rear garden of the property in a small tree pit in the paved garden. The tree is a mature Hornbeam which has been reduced on a number of occasions in the past at a variety of heights.

The lower reduction points now appear to have some decay as would be expected of this species when pruned heavily. There are several layers of *ganoderma applanatum* suggesting it has been there for a number of seasons. This particular fungus indicates internal decay within the tree.

The tree can be considered to be mature and has a number of defects and will require continual management if retained, I would therefore recommend the removal of the tree, improvement of the tree pit and a more suitable replacement planted possibly an ornamental tree such as a prunus kanzan or similar.

Kind Regards

***Steve Venables***