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Application Ref: **2015/6160/T**  
Please ask for: **Gerry Oxford**  
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31 December 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)  
Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations 1999

### **PART APPROVAL / REFUSAL OF WORKS TO TREE/S UNDER A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

Address:  
**20 Highfields Grove**  
**London**  
**N6 6HN**

Proposal:  
(TPO Ref: C1160) REAR GARDEN: 1 x English Oak - Crown thin by 20%.  
7 x Sycamore - Fell to ground level.

The Council has considered your application dated 03 November 2015 and decided the following:

#### **a) to REFUSE :**

7 X Sycamore, Fell to ground level

#### **Reasons for Refusal**

- 1 The Applicant's report states 'trees were inspected from the ground only without taking samples of wood, roots or fungi were taken. A full hazard or risk assessment of the trees was not undertaken'.  
There is no mention of the Sycamores in question having any signs of decay or



that any cavities or fungal brackets have been discovered. Still the applicant's Agent has given to all 7 trees a 'Noticeable' Hazard Rating.

Sycamore trees can live for 100+ years, the trees in question are still young specimens. Sycamore trees thrive in forest type environments, ie in groups. When they grow close to each other they provide shelter to each other.

The trees have survived recent storms over the past months as well as previous bad weather including heavy rain and wind. I am not aware that any of the trees were effected.

The trees proposed to be felled make up part of the woodland in this section of the Conservation area. Together with the vast variety of other vegetation in the area, the sycamores form an important part of the woodland.

**b) to GRANT APPROVAL for:**

1 X Oak, crown thin by 20 %

**Conditions and Reasons:**

- 1 This decision is valid for 2 years from the date of this decision or until the work is completed, whichever is the sooner.

Reason: To allow the Council to monitor the completion and standards of the work.

- 2 All work shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant recommendations of British Standard 3998: 2010. (Recommendation for Tree Work)

Reason: To ensure the preservation of the amenity value and health of the tree(s).

**Informative(s):**

- 1 Please note that any approval given by the Council does not give an exemption from the requirements to comply with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), or any other Acts offering protection to wildlife. Of particular note is the protection offered to bats, birds and their nests from construction works. For further information contact Natural England on 0300 060 4911 or [www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk).

If you are unhappy with the Council's decision you may appeal within 28 days of the date of this notice by writing to The Environment Team, Room 4/04, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Yours faithfully



Ed Watson  
Director of Culture & Environment

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