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Your Ref:

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Dear Mr Bell

Tree Works Notification

Site: 33 Hampstead Lane, London N6 4RT

I understand the trees subject of this notification are protected growing within a conservation area. If this is not the case, or they are included within a Tree Preservation Order, please can you advise me upon receipt of this correspondence?

Description of Proposed Tree Works:

Tree ID/Name*	Dimensions**	Tree Works Specification (Sp#)	Summary Reasons
Holm Oak x 2	6 x 3 x 120mm	Fell to ground level (Sp6)	1. 2 x small, self-seeded trees are not ultimately suited to this residential garden setting 2. Trees are positioned near to the drainage system and pose a risk of damage 3. Dark canopies, becoming oppressive. 4. Restrict new under-planting
Holly	9 x 3 x 250mm	Crown reduce by 2m (Sp1) Prune sides by up to 1m (Sp2.1) Crown lift to 2.5m (Sp4)	1. Becoming tall and oppressive outside rear-facing windows 2. Improve light filtration to ground level 3. Contain tree dimensions in its location near to the rear of the house

*refer to plan **Tree Dimensions are height in metres x radial canopy spread in metres x trunk diameter in millimetres



Specifications for recommended tree works:General

All work is to conform to BS 3998:2010 'Tree work – Recommendations' and with current arboricultural best practice. Tree works are to be undertaken by a professional and specialist arboricultural contractor, who carries the appropriate experience and insurance cover, equipment and PPE. All works and processes are to comply with all relevant Planning, Wildlife, Environmental, Conservation and Health and Safety legislation.

Sp1. Crown reduction will include reducing the height and spread of a tree's canopy (branching structure) whilst retaining the tree's natural tree form (species determined). The amount of reduction is described in linear metres e.g. 2m (from 6m to 4m radial spread) or 3m (from 15m to 12m tree height). Crown reduction work will be undertaken for a specific purpose, which may include containing tree growth in a given location or reducing wind purchase and stress.

NOTE: **Crown Reduction via thinning** ('drop-crotching') work will reduce the overall height and spread of the tree crown by specified linear metres and will not equate to exceeding 30%, and more generally not exceeding 20% of the overall height and spread of the tree. This will be carried out by shortening selected leading branches by pruning back to suitable growing point, (which will be a subordinate side branch not less than 30% the diameter of the leading branch). The pruning will be undertaken in a way to preserve the natural form and the proportion of the tree species. Much of the work will be undertaken using specialised hand saws rather than motorised chain saws because it is to be recognised that this type of crown pruning is a delicate and sympathetic operation. The operation of crown reduction via thinning is a matter of judicious pruning and will not be construed as 'lopping or topping'.

Sp2.1 Any branch shortening work, (including as part of crown reduction work) will be conducted by pruning back to a suitable growing point, e.g. a shoot or smaller branch, which can continue to support branch growth. Pruning back from structures e.g. buildings and street furniture is to be to create a 2m clear separation.

Sp4. Crown lifting includes the removal of the lowest lateral branches and shoots, (which would not result in irrevocable tree injury), to a specific height above ground level measured in metres.

Sp6. Felling involves the careful removal of a tree to ground level (or other specified height), either in sections or in one unit (straight felling). The method of felling will be suited to the constraints of the site and judged by the competent operator undertaking the task. Removing the stump may be part of the requirements and this will be carried out using a mechanical stump grinder where accessible.



Fig. 1 View of Holm Oaks (outlined red) from Hampstead Lane. The Holly cannot be seen from public vantage points.



I hope that this information is clear and helpful at this stage but if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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enc. Sketch plan



