

Section 211 notice for minor pruning works to T1 Horse chestnut at 1 Christchurch Hill, London, NW3 1JY, within the Hampstead conservation area.



Aerial image above courtesy of Google maps, showing the subject tree, T1, mature Horse Chestnut circled in green.

T1 mature Horse chestnut
Height approx. 17m
Stem Diameter @ 1.5m- 890mm
Age class- Mature
Structural condition good
Physiological condition fair-poor.

Description of condition-

T1 was viewed on 7th October in an almost completely leafless state. Though most of the leaf loss is no doubt due to early fall from Chestnut leaf miner, there were no outward signs of disease or decay but minor -moderate dead wood throughout the crown.

Proposed works-

- 1) Lift tertiary growth specifically where the crown protrudes over Willow Road in the southerly direction. Aim to achieve a residual clearance of approximately 5 metres towards the middle of the road as shown in photo 3 below. Wherever possible pruning wounds should not exceed 40mm and cuts will be made at a suitable budding point or branch junction.
- 2) Trim back twiggy growth in south-east section of canopy to ensure 500mm clearance around Eruv wire.
- 3) Remove all major dead wood.

Reason for works-

To reduce the risk of high sided vehicles catching overly low growth and causing further damage to the tree where it extends over Willow Road.



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Images above show T1 Horse chestnut looking east, south, east again from Willow road and north east towards the Heath.

The red line in photo three denotes the proposed lift above Willow Road.

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