# Tree Survey

Hampstead Garden Suburb

# MARKET PLACE AND LYTTELTON ROAD – AREA 9

Date of observations: June 2012

This report has three elements.

- 1. A brief overview account of the trees in the area.
- 2. An area map showing;
  - the location of TPO trees,
  - trees shown on Unwin's 1913 map and,
  - other trees which make a significant contribution to the local streetscape.
- 3. A spreadsheet providing full details of the observations.



# Area 9 Overview

#### Date of Observations October 2013

#### Introduction

Area 9 comprises the Market Place shopping area and, further to the east, a section of the A1 trunk road that is bordered by blocks of flats. The flats back onto Lyttelton Playing Fields, 24 acres of parkland and recreational facilities, which include the remains of ancient woodland, Watery Wood. There are many fine trees here and the Playing Fields are an important open space within the Suburb. However, the wood and the parkland are managed by Barnet and are outside the scope of this Survey, as are the fine street trees along the A1. Of the trees that are included within the remit of the Survey, the only significant trees are found in the rear grounds of the flats and they are probably also surviving remnants of Watery Wood.

The flats are shielded from the A1 by a bank of trees and large shrubs that make a substantial contribution to softening a harsh and polluted streetscape and are included for this reason.

#### Species in Area 9

Maple (mostly sycamores), oak, ash and hornbeam are the most numerous species within the Survey area.

#### TPO Trees in Area 9

There are no TPO trees in this area on land within the Trust Scheme of Management.

#### **Unwin Trees in Area 9**

The flats were developed between 1929 and 1936 and the area was not included on the 1913 Unwin map. Thus there are no Unwin trees.

## Groups of significant trees in Area 9

There are two groups of trees of note within this area.

Firstly, there is a line of 11 trees, including 9 mature oaks, in the rear grounds of the Lyttelton Road flats. The trees contribute to the fine wooded outlook of the various blocks of flats, but from the public woodland path they are not easily distinguished from the many mature trees in Watery Wood itself.

Secondly, a bank of mixed trees and shrubs marks the boundary between the flats and the A1. It extends from Lyttelton Court to Brownlow Court and makes a substantial contribution both visually and as a barrier to the noise and pollution of the A1. The bank is most dense in front of the westernmost block of Lyttelton Court but the greatest variety of trees is found in front of the central block at Lyttelton Court. In front of Monarch Court a similar function is provided by a number of young trees including ash, sycamore and hornbeam. None of these trees are particularly good specimens in themselves but in an environment under stress, they are of significance.

#### Individual trees of note in Area 9

The oak on the east side of the bridge over Mutton Brook behind Monarch Court is one of the finest oaks in the Suburb, with a huge girth and spreading crown. It is recommended for TPO status. The other 8 oaks noted in the spreadsheet are also fine individual trees.

## **Tree Preservation Order Recommendations**

One tree in Area 9 is recommended for consideration for a Tree Preservation Order (see Spreadsheet).

Area 9 - Market Place & Lyttelton Road

Tree on Unwin 1913 map

Replacement sapling



Area T	TPO .	nwin rees Tree		TPO Tree No.	Street	Location	Species	Notes
9		1	LYTRT16	Ly	yttelton Road	Boundary between health centre and Lyttelton Court	(Flowering) Cherry	Good size and shape, mature tree, softens corner of building (health centre)
9		25	LYTRT17g	Ly	yttelton Road	Opposite W block of Lyttelton Court	Primarily sycamore, ash, cherry crab tree	Dense bank of shrubs, self seeded saplings and trees. No tree of especial note but the bank as a whole acts as a significant visual and pollution barrier between the flats and the A1. Generally the trees extend to height second floor flats. Some leaves blackened by tar spot fungus. Mixed species. Numbers of trees are approximate. The visual contribution lies in quantity rather than quality of trees but in this difficult environment, the contribution is significant.
9		20	LYTRT18g	Ly	yttelton Road	Opposite Central block of Lyttelton Court (beginning house no. 42) and extending to Brownlow Court	hawthorn, apple, Japanese maple,	the pollution and noise of the A1. The visual contribution lies in quantity rather than quality of trees but in this difficult environment, the contribution is significant. Numbers of trees are approximate
9		1	LYTRT19	Ly	yttelton Road	Opposite Monarch Court, marks boundary between Brownlow and Monarch Court	Sycamore	Marks the corner. Roof height tree, vigorous but showing effects of tar spot fungus
9		1	LYTRT20	Ly	yttelton Road	In front of 62-72 Monarch Court	Sycamore	Very tall, multistemmed, reasonable shape and vigour.
9		1	LYTRT21	Ly	yttelton Road	In front of 50-60 Monarch Court	Horse Chestnut	multistemmed, poor condition. Height to second floor.
9		1	LYTRT22	Ly	yttelton Road	In front of 26-36 Monarch Court	Ash	Good multistemmed, approximately roof height, good shaped mature tree shading the entry to the service road to flats
9		1	LYTRT23	Ly	yttelton Road	In front of boundary between 14-24 and 8-12 Monarch Court	hornbeam	Somewhat crowded by immature ash and overgrown shrubs but reaches a good crown.
9		4	LYTRT24g	Ly	yttelton Road	In front of 8-12 Monarch Court	Sycamore	1 mature, in good shape. 3 younger trees, somewhat straggly but they extend to the corner providing a barrier for flats and part of the green entrance to the Suburb at Norrice Lea.
9		2	LYTRT25g	Ly	yttelton Road	E side of Monarch Court	Hornbeam	2 mature, tall hornbeam, overcrowded situation and shape is only fair. Growing vigorously contributing to green entrance to Norrice Lea
9		1	LYTRT26	Ly	yttelton Road	to rear of Monarch Court	oak	mature oak behind sycamore saplings, roof height, close to buildings on N side of the brook.
9		1	LYTRT27	Ly	yttelton Road	Back of Monarch Court on housing side of the Brook.	oak	huge, mature oak in rear grounds of flats, one of a line of oaks on the North side of Mutton Brook, excellent shape and spread
9		1	LYTRT28	Ly	yttelton Road	Back of Monarch Court on housing side of Brook.	Oak	huge, mature oak in rear grounds of flats, one of a line of oaks on the North side of Mutton Brook, excellent shape and spread
9		3	LYTRT30g	Ly	yttelton Road	Back of Lyttelton Court on N side of the Brook.	Oak, lime and hornbeam	Group of three rising out of a mass of self seeded saplings straddling the boundary of the flats and Watery Wood trees . Provides a wonderful outlook for Lyttelton Court .
9		1	LYTRT31	Ly	yttelton Road	Boundary of Lyttelton Court and Lyttelton playing fields	hornbeam	Mature hornbeam amongst a tangled range of trees straddling the boundary of the flats and Watery Wood. Provide a wonderful outlook for Lyttelton Court.
9		1	LYTRT32	Ly	yttelton Road	in grounds of Lyttelton Court on N side of the Brook.	oak	in centre of rear gardens of Lyttelton Court (central block) , mature tree, roof eaves height one of a line of 8 oaks on N side of brook
9		1	LYTRT33	Ly	yttelton Road	Boundary of Lyttelton Court and Lyttelton playing fields	oak	Oak, much damaged and growing along the ground before rising to a good height.
9		1	LYTRT34		yttelton Road	Boundary of Lyttelton Court and Lyttelton playing fields	oak	Huge , complex tree, enormous spreading crown hanging over the brook and into the grounds of the flats.
9		1	LYTRT29		rownlow Court/Monarch Court	East side of bridge over Mutton Brook behind Monarch Court. On corner of Lyttelton playing fields.	Oak	Magnificent oak, huge girth, by far the best shaped crown and spread in this area. TPO RECOMMENDATION