

# Tree Survey

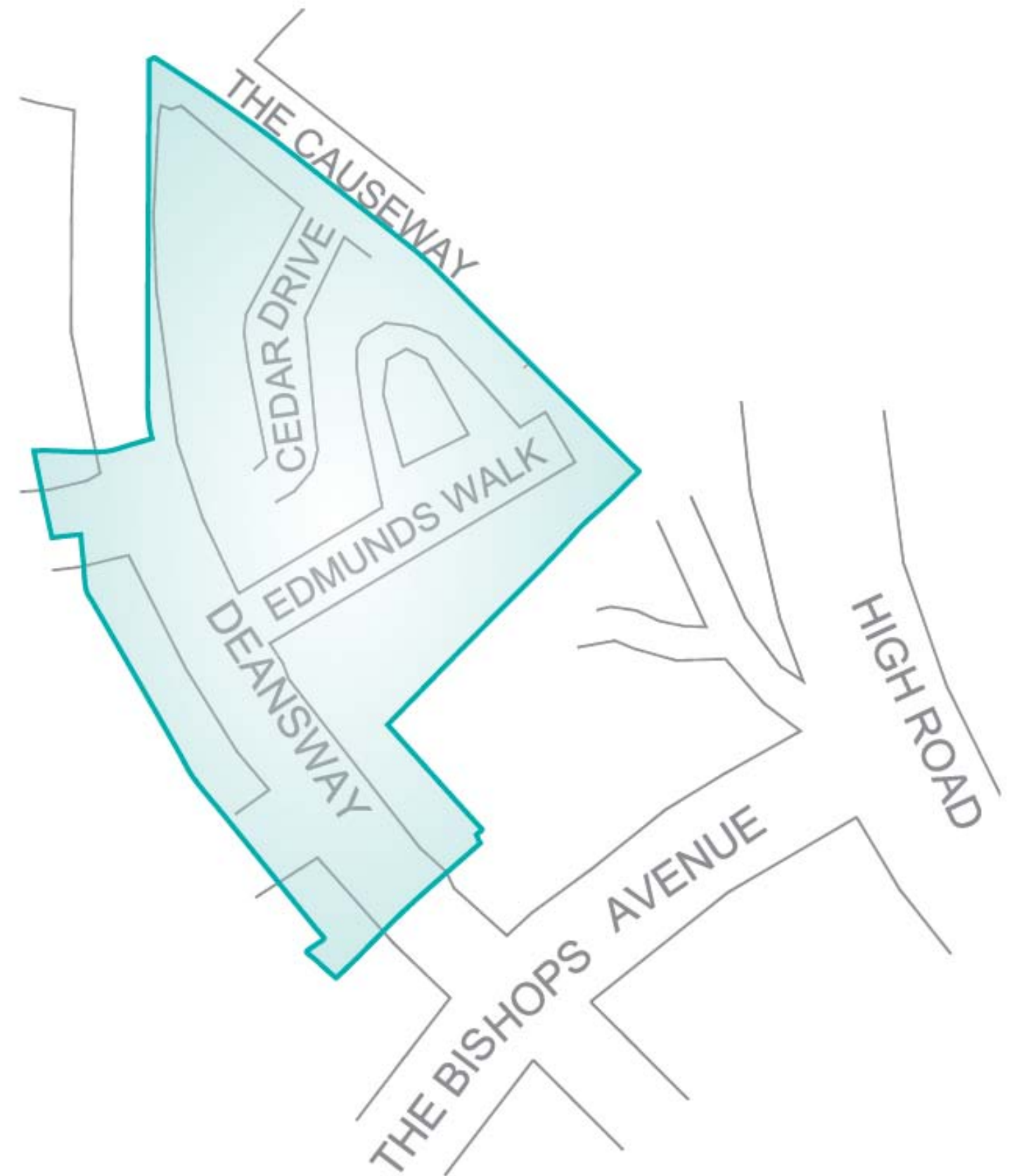
Hampstead Garden  
Suburb

## DEANSWAY AND EDMUNDS WALK – AREA 12

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 12 Overview

Date of Observations May - June 2013

## Introduction

Area 12 is on the NE border of the Suburb. It is surrounded on three sides by land outside the boundaries of the Trust Scheme of Management; only the gardens of the houses in the southern part of Deansway actually back on to Suburb land. Consequently, the most characteristic feature of this area is the importance of what might be termed 'borrowed' views of trees at or beyond the boundaries. The general impression is of trees rising above rooftops, trees seen through the gaps between houses and generous planting of mature shrubs in front gardens. In Edmunds Walk and Deansway, weeping willows and silver birch trees complement the romantic 'Old English' style of architecture.

There are few TPO or significant trees in front gardens and no public access to the tall, mature trees to the rear of the houses. In most cases it has not been possible to ascertain whether these trees are in rear gardens or beyond the Suburb boundaries. We have therefore described their contribution to the streetscape, indicated the points from which they are visible from the street but we are unable to pinpoint location exactly.

As elsewhere in the Suburb, there is some overcrowding from self-seeded trees. Some species are so rapid in their growth that they are unsuitable for front gardens, masking the architecture, blocking light and potentially, if too near the house, causing damage.

## Species in Area 12

Birch (6), willow (4), horse-chestnut (3) and lime (2) are the most numerous species actually within Area 12. Lime, oak and ash trees are the most numerous species within the category of 'borrowed view' trees.

## TPO Trees in Area 12

12 TPOs are shown on Barnet's map of this section of the Suburb. However, only 5 individual trees are actually inside the area: they are all in The Bishops Avenue and only one of these, a copper beech in the garden of 14 The Bishops Avenue remains. A group TPO covers the line of mature shrubs and trees that run along the front garden boundaries in Bishops Avenue and the shrubs and some trees are still there. Finally, there are 6 'borrowed view' TPO trees on the land between Edmunds Walk and The Bishops Avenue which is outside the Suburb. These can be seen between houses and above roofs on the south side of Edmunds Walk; the main views are marked on the map and the species recorded on the spreadsheet. The group includes lime, birch and beech trees and makes a significant contribution to the character of the area. The total of observed TPOs including the 'borrowed views' and the group TPO is 7.

## Unwin Trees in Area 12

This area was developed between 1929 and 1937 so there are no Unwin trees in this area.

## Groups of significant trees in Area 12

There are two groups of trees of particular importance within this area.

Firstly, there are three mature, well-shaped weeping willows on the green in Edmunds Walk. In summer they add light and movement to the green and make it the focus of this enclave. The planting is the perfect complement to the architecture of the surrounding houses.

Secondly, in The Bishops Avenue there is a line of trees just behind the dense, high hedges and shrubs at the front boundaries of the gardens. The trees themselves are varied; they often frame the views of the houses, which are set well back from the road, as well as shading the pavement. There is a stark contrast between this west side of the Avenue with its abundant trees and green ambience and the opposite side of the road which is not in the Suburb but is in The Bishops Avenue Conservation Area.

A (third) group of trees lining the central reservation in Deansway is on the boundary of Area 12 but not in it. These are Barnet Street Trees. Nonetheless, these 'borrowed view' trees are of great importance to the ambience of the area; they define the boundary of the Suburb and provide good views for the houses in the northern section of Deansway. Amongst the 17 trees documented in the Barnet Street Tree Database are 7 well-shaped, tall oaks, 2 acers, 3 birch trees, and a horse-chestnut

Other smaller groups of trees also provide 'borrowed views' which add substantially to the ambience of Area 12. They are recorded in the spreadsheet and marked with arrows on the map.

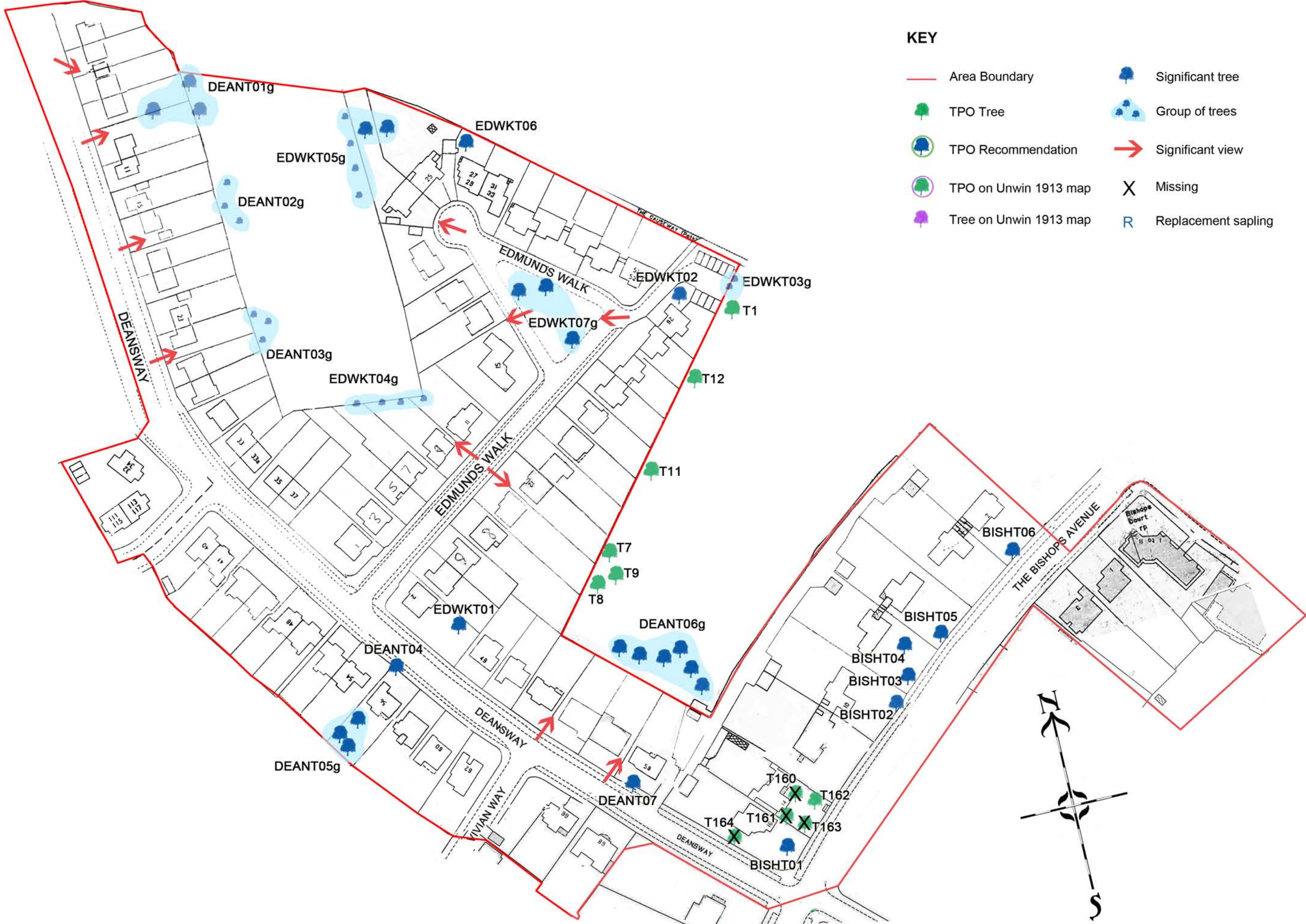
### **Individual trees of note in Area 12**

A small number of individual trees of note are found in front and back gardens; they contribute to the green character of the area but do not frame views or provide particular focal points.

### **Tree Preservation Order Recommendations**

A group of three trees is recommended for a group TPO (EDWKT07g). These trees are on Barnet's Street Tree list and it is not clear what the policy is relating to TPOs for street trees. The TPO recommendation is made in the light of the enormous contribution these fine trees make to this area.

# Area 12 - Edmunds Walk & Deansway



## KEY

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|  | Area Boundary          |  | Significant tree    |
|  | TPO Tree               |  | Group of trees      |
|  | TPO Recommendation     |  | Significant view    |
|  | TPO on Unwin 1913 map  |  | Missing             |
|  | Tree on Unwin 1913 map |  | Replacement sapling |

NOT TO SCALE

Area	TPO	Unwin trees	Signifi cant Trees	TPO Ref no/SIG Ref no.	TPO Tree No.	Street	Location	Species	Notes
12			3	DEANT01g		Deansway	between 7 and 9	ash,oak,pine,sycamore	an attractive group when seen from a distance and between 3 and 5. (n.b. except for the pine, they are beyond the suburb boundary)
12			3	DEANT02g		Deansway	between 17 and 19	ash, pine	view somewhat masked by yew on the front boundary of 17 and 19 but green views over garages and between houses are an important part of the character of this area. (n.b. the trees are beyond the Suburb boundary)
12			3	DEANT03g		Deansway	between 25 and 27	sycamore, oak? Ash?	tall, well shaped trees visible from street, located beyond the Suburb boundary
12			1	DEANT04		Deansway	56 front by boundary with 54	silver birch	handsome shaped tree, a romantic complement to the old English architecture of the house.
12			3	DEANT05g		Deansway	56 rear garden	silver birch, oak	attractive group seen through the gap between houses
12			4	DEANT06g		Deansway	57 land to rear	2 horse chestnuts, 4 poplars	distant views of crowns over roofs and between houses. Trees are probably beyond the suburb boundary. Species identification not easy at a distance
12			1	DEANT07		Deansway	59 front garden	silver birch	a three stemmed tree, looks old for this species, picturesque contribution to street scape
12			1	EDWKT01		Edmunds Walk	2 rear garden by bdry with 4	oak	mature, roof height tree, lower branches removed and the shape of the crown is therefore damaged
12			1	EDWKT02		Edmunds Walk	26, front N corner	plum	an old tree, spectacular blossom in spring, softens corner to garage area
12			2	EDWKT03g		Edmunds Walk	garages beyond 26	lime	2of a group of 3 mature , tall limes outside Suburb boundary but forming an important boundary feature in an otherwise severely utilitarian area. One of these trees has a TPO see above
12			4	EDWKT04g		Edmunds Walk	to rear of 7, 9 and 11 near boundary	sycamore, 3 horse chestnut	attractive group visible between houses particularly 9-11 but also 17-19
12			5	EDWKT05g		Edmunds Walk	21-23 between and to rear	sycamore, false acacia, scots pine, ash	Viewed between houses, prominent group rear of 21. 2 ash, 1 on boundary, 1 in garden, trees soar over the roofs, prominent feature of the cul-de-sac, but they are mostly located in Cedar Drive beyond the Suburb boundary.
12			1	EDWKT06		Edmunds Walk	27/29 to NW side of flats	birch	visible between houses by garage, adds to streetscape by hiding buildings to rear which are different in scale and character
12			3	EDWKT07g		Edmunds Walk	The Green	weeping willow	3 mature, well shaped willows make the green the focus of this enclave, they complement the romantic 'Old English' architecture to great effect. These trees are on Barnet's street tree list but are included here because of the particular contribution that they make to the character of this area. not clear what Barnet's policy regarding TPOs for street tree is but <b>TPO RECOMMENDATION</b>
12	1			TPO-CA-181	T7	Edmunds Walk	10,12 land to rear beyond boundary	2 limes, 1 cedar	group of tall, well shaped trees to rear of houses, visible between and above houses. These trees are part of the belt of TPO trees beyond the Suburb boundary, also can be seen between 53-55 Deansway
12	1			TPO-CA-181	T8	Edmunds Walk	10,12 land to rear beyond boundary	2 limes, 1 cedar	group of tall, well shaped trees to rear of houses, visible between and above houses. These trees are part of the belt of TPO trees beyond the Suburb boundary, also can be seen between 53-55 Deansway
12	1			TPO-CA-181	T9	Edmunds Walk	10,12 land to rear beyond boundary	2 limes, 1 cedar	group of tall, well shaped trees to rear of houses, visible between and above houses. These trees are part of the belt of TPO trees beyond the Suburb boundary, also can be seen between 53-55 Deansway
12	1			TPO-CA-181	T11	Edmunds Walk	18 land to rear beyond boundary	birch	just visible between houses. These trees are part of the belt of TPO trees beyond the Suburb boundary.
12	1			TPO-CA-181	T12	Edmunds Walk	24 land to rear beyond boundary	beech	just visible between houses. This tree is part of the belt of TPO trees beyond the Suburb boundary.
12	1			TPO-CA-181	T1	Edmunds Walk	garages beyond 26 beyond boundary	lime	tall lime defines boundary, softens garage area. This tree is part of the belt of TPO trees beyond the Suburb boundary.
12			1	BISHT01		The Bishops Ave	16 in centre of front garden	weeping willow	large, well shaped , mature tree. Provides attractive focus at the junction of Deansway and Bishops Avenue.
12			1	BISHT02		The Bishops Ave	10 front by bdry with 8	silver birch	pretty tree visible above hedge. Covered by a group TPO.
12			1	BISHT03		The Bishops Ave	8 front by hedge	lime check	very tall, double trunk, lime close to hedge. Covered by a group TPO.
12			1	BISHT04		The Bishops Ave	8 front by boundary with 6	scots pine	hard to see foliage and trunk and therefore to identify, possibly common silver fir. Covered by a group TPO.
12			1	BISHT05		The Bishops Ave	6 in hedge	lime	large tree hangs over the public pavement providing shade and an attractive feature. Covered by a group TPO.
12			1	BISHT06		The Bishops Ave	2 near hedge	hawthorn	double trunked, mature tree, good shape and condition. Screens garden from the road. Covered by a group TPO.
12				TPO/F1/7	T164	The Bishops Ave	16 South bdry by Deansway	birch	<b>MISSING</b>
12	1			TPO/F1/7	T162	The Bishops Ave	14 front garden near The Bishops Avenue and boundary with 12	copper beech	
12				TPO/F1/7	T160	The Bishops Ave	14 front garden	flowering cherry	<b>MISSING</b>
12				TPO/F1/7	T161	The Bishops Ave	14 front garden	birch	<b>MISSING</b>
12				TPO/F1/7	T163	The Bishops Ave	14 front garden	crab apple	<b>MISSING</b>
12									THE NORTHERN PART OF DEANSWAY IS AN AREA OF BORROWED TREE VIEWS. TREES RISING ABOVE SOME HOUSES AND BETWEEN MOST HOUSES APPEAR TO BE LOCATED IN THE GROUNDS OF THE CEDAR DRIVE FLATS . ON THE ACCOMPANYING MAP THE POSITION OF THESE TREES IS MARKED TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY WITHOUT HAVING ACCESS TO EITHER THE GROUNDS OF THE FLATS OR REAR GARDENS IN DEANSWAY.