

DELEGATED DECISION

Application is Works to Trees - Tree Preservation Order

The Officer has checked the application in accordance with the planning policies and recommends the application for - Approval (P)

The delegation powers schedule has been checked. Interim Director of Planning, Regeneration & Public Realm can determine this application.

Case Officer

Signature:

Date:

A delegated decision is appropriate and the recommendation, conditions/reasons for refusal and informatives are satisfactory.

Team Manager:

Signature:

Date:

The decision notice for this application can be issued.

Director / Member of Senior Management Team:

Signature:

Date:

NONE OF THE ABOVE DATES SHOULD BE USED IN THE PS2 RETURNS TO THE ODPM

Item No. Report of the Interim Director of Planning, Regeneration & Public Realm

Address: 9 KINGS ROAD WEST DRAYTON

Development: To carry out tree surgery - to crown reduce to previous points one Common Ash at T1 within TPO 778.

LBH Ref Nos: 78188/TRE/2023/171

Drawing Nos: Sketch plan

Date Plans received: 01-08-2023 **Date(s) of Amendments(s):**

Date Application valid 01-08-2023

1.0 SITE \ PROPERTY DESIGNATION

Tree Preservation Order(s) Yes 778

2.0 RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

2.01 Additional Planning History Comments

2.02 Planning History

3.0 PLANNING POLICIES AND STANDARDS

3.01 Relevant UDP Policies (ref. nos. only)

In deciding TPO applications the local planning authority is not required to have regard to the development plan (Guide to the law and good practice - tree preservation orders, DETR 2000 - paragraph 6.46 page 25)

3.02 Relevant Supplementary Planning Guidance

3.03 Other Key Documents

4.0 CONSULTATIONS

4.01 Neighbours

No Comments Received.

4.02 Residents Association(s) / Amenity Group(s)

No Comments Received.

4.03 Conservation Area Advisory Panel

No Comments Received.

4.04 Councillor(s) / MPs

No Comments Received.

4.05 Other(s)

No Comments Received.

5.0 KEY PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

5.01 Introduction

This decision is based on whether or not the proposal is justified, having regard to the reasons put forward in support of it, having assessed the amenity value of the trees and the likely impact of the proposal on the visual of the locality.

5.02 Description of trees and requested works

TPO No - 778

Species - Ash

Condition / Age - Good/Mature

Amenity value - High

Work requested - Would like to re-pollard by no more than 2m which are back to previous pollard points

Reasons for work - For general maintenance purposes

5.03 Amenity

The Ash is situated to the rear of 9 Kings Road and can be seen from a number of nearby properties and the public highway in Kings Road, Edison Close and Kingston Lane. It has a high amenity value and contributes to the arboreal character of the area.

5.04 Appraisal

The Ash has been reduced heavily (pollarded) in the past as a result it is reasonable to allow this to occur again to ensure weight is reduced on the previous points.

6.05 Conclusion

The work is justified and will not have a negative impact on the long term amenity of the tree or area.

7.0. RECOMMENDATION

APPROVAL subject to the following:

1. TW2B Crown Reduction (back to previous points)

The tree to be pruned shall be crown reduced by cutting back to 25-50 mm beyond previous points. Crown reduction shall not be construed as 'lopping' or 'topping' and shall result in a tree of typical form for the species and of balanced appearance.

The previous pruning points / pollard heads shall be left intact and an appropriate number of live branches (which can be shortened) shall be left so that a natural-looking crown results.

The works shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations contained in BS 3998:2010 'Tree work - Recommendations'. Climbing irons or 'spikes' shall not be used during the execution of the work.

REASON

In order to protect health of the tree and the visual amenity of the area.

INFORMATIVES

1. IT01 Removal of dead wood

The removal of deadwood, dangerous / hanging branches and ivy: This does not require the formal consent of the Council.

2. IT05 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: Note that it is an offence under this act to disturb roosting bats, nesting birds or any other protected species. Therefore, if applicable, it is advisable to consult your tree surgeon / consultant to agree an acceptable time for carrying out the approved works.

3. IT07 Owner(s)'s permission:

Owner(s)'s permission: Permission should be sought from the owner(s) of the tree(s) and / or the owner(s) of the land that the tree(s) overhang prior to any approved work being carried out.

4. IT17 Expected standard of tree work

Expected standard of tree work: The approved works must be carried out in accordance with the conditions laid out above. If they are not, then enforcement action could be taken which could lead to prosecution and heavy fines. Therefore, it is highly recommended that the works are only

carried out by a professional and competent arboriculturist who undertakes to comply with the conditions of this consent and in accordance with industry best practice (BS 3998:2010). The Arboricultural Association can provide details of its approved contractors, who have demonstrated such professionalism and competence, on their website (www.trees.org.uk) or by calling 01242 522152. Or on request the Council can provide a list of contractors who are known to carry out tree work to a good standard and to normally maintain an appropriate policy of indemnity insurance.

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