

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 25/00509/TWA **APPLICANT:** Cube

WARD AFFECTED: Halewood South

DEVELOPMENT: FELL 14NO TREES

LOCATION OF SITE: Land Rear Of 1-39 Redoaks Way, Halewood, Knowsley, , ,

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

Elected members and residents have been notified and one objection has been received stating the trees provide shade, privacy and ecological value to the surrounding area.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to trees situated on land to the rear of 1-39 Redoaks Way.

Background

The TPO area in this case 04/00005/TPO was created to afford protection to the group of trees within the Redoaks Way parking area.

The Application

The application seeks consent to remove 14No trees to the rear of Redoaks way.

Representations

One objection was received to the application to remove the trees which stated the following:

- These trees are not only an essential part of the local environment but also contribute significantly to the wellbeing of residents, local wildlife, and the character of the neighbourhood. The trees provide vital shade and privacy to my home and serve as a natural sound and pollution barrier. Their presence improves air quality, reduces local temperatures during the summer, and offers a safe habitat for birds and other wildlife — many of which I've observed regularly. We have also recently had quite a lot of trees removed from the park opposite which is a further loss to the wildlife in the area.

I understand that safety and maintenance are important concerns, but I respectfully urge the council to consider alternative solutions such pruning or other maintenance methods that would allow the trees to be preserved rather than removed entirely.

There is also a broader community interest at stake as these trees are part of our shared green space and contribute greatly to the aesthetic and ecological value of the area once removed, they cannot be easily or quickly replaced.

Arboricultural report

The site has been inspected by the Arboricultural Officer who makes the following comments: the site consists of 14No trees along the boundary of Redoaks Way car parking area. the trees are of fair condition and located approximately 1m below current ground levels. Due to the proximity of the parking area and buildings, the roots are now lifting the current retaining wall

and causing this to fail. The row of poplars have recently been reduced in height, due to the nature of the work, this will need regular maintenance moving forward. The application seeks to remove 14 no trees and replace with a more suitable species referenced in the attached planting documents.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consent be granted for the removal of 14No poplar trees, as stated within the application 25/00509/TWA.

- 1) All work should be completed in accordance with BS 3998:2010 (Tree Works).

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to comply with Saved Policy DQ4 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted June 2006.

- 2) Five working days written notice shall be given to the Arboricultural Officer before commencement of the works hereby granted.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to comply with the application.

- 3) The works must be implemented no later than the expiration of two years beginning with the date of this permission.

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- 4) Replacement tree planting shall be in accordance with the Tabel 1 'Individual tree planting' within the 'Tree Planting Schedule' (Ref: 23105/DK) . The trees should be planted as soon as practically possible but within 1 year of the removal of the trees. Once this has been implemented the Council's Arboricultural Officer should be informed within 3 days on 0151 443 2281. Should the replacement tree(s) fail to establish within a period of five years thereafter it shall be replaced in kind during the first planting season following the date of the loss or damage.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity, to allow for the continuation of tree cover within the area and to comply with Saved Policy DQ4 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted June 2006.

Signed Case Officer¹:

D Griffiths

Signed Authorising Officer²:

Jo Sheridan

Date:

01/12/2025

¹ I confirm that I do not have a personal relationship with the applicant, agent or other interested parties; I also confirm that I do not have a financial interest in the site or the development proposed

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