

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 21/00364/TWA **APPLICANT:** Joanne Costigan

WARD AFFECTED: Prescott South

DEVELOPMENT: FELL 1NO. TREE

LOCATION OF SITE: 2 Blundell Road, Prescott, Knowsley, L35 7NH,

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

The ward members and local residents have been notified and no objections have been received.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to a tree situated within the back of 2 Blundell Road, Prescott.

Background

The TPO in this case was created in 1993 to afford protection to various trees within the area of Blundell Road.

The Town and Country Planning Act states that Tree Preservation Order may make provision for prohibiting the cutting down, lopping, uprooting, wilful destruction of trees except with the consent of the Local Planning Authority.

The Application

The application seeks consent to carry out the removal of one tree. The request has been put in for the following reasons, the tree has outgrown the area it is in with the potential of damaging outbuildings and dropping large branches. The tree is having an effect on the drainage of the garden. The residents have also stated reasons of pigeons and the tree blocking sunlight.

Arboricultural Report

The site has been inspected by the Arboricultural Officer who makes the following comments:

The sycamore stands approx. 15m in height and is in reasonably health for its age and species. The tree has a large cavity approx. 8m up the stem. This is from an old snapped out limb. The sycamore is situated between two outbuildings against the back fence line. Although the tree is reasonably healthy, the tree is situated in a poor position limiting its life span. As the tree continues to grow it will cause damage to the building either side. It would be more prevalent to plant a more suitable species within the garden.

Behind the fence line, the land drops away. The tree cannot be clearly seen from the surrounding area as there is further trees to the North West and South East and the flats hide the tree from Delph Lane.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that consent be approved for the removal of one tree as stated within application 21/00364/TWA with the following conditions: -

- 1) The tree work hereby granted shall consist of The felling of one Sycamore

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) Each tree should be replaced on a one for one basis, as close to the original position as possible with a native broadleaf species of a size not less than 12-14cm girth. 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.

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

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

- 4) 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.

- 5) 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.

Tom Skipworth
Arboricultural Officer
17/05/2021

Alan Kilroe
24/05/2021

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