

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 21/00510/TWA

APPLICANT: Miss Amanda Jones

WARD AFFECTED: St Michael's

DEVELOPMENT: REMEDIAL WORKS TO 3NO TREES

LOCATION OF SITE: 17 Alberta Grove, Huyton, Knowsley, L34 1PX,

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

The ward members and local residents have been notified and no comments have been made.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to 3 trees situated at the rear 17 Alberta Grove, Prescott.

Background

The TPO in this case was created in 1991 to afford protection to various trees within the Former C F Mott Campus.

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 crown lifts of up to 20m on three trees and a crown thin of two trees (T1 + T2). Due to the trees blocking light and excessive shading.

Arboricultural Report

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

The three trees are two Sycamore's and a Horse chestnut. The two Sycamores stand approx. 17m in height, and the horse chestnut approx. 15m in height. All three trees are in good health for their age and species. The two Sycamores are located along the boundary wall on Liverpool road and can be clearly seen from the surrounding area.

The works proposed of crown lifts up to 20m would heavily reduce the crown on the trees and therefore have a detrimental impact on the health of the trees and visual amenity. I would suggest a crown lift of least to 10m. With regards to the crown thinning no Percentage has been given, a crown thin of 25% for the Sycamores and 15% for the Horse Chestnut would be acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consent be refused for the" up to 20m crown lift" to trees 1,23 and the crown thinning of trees 1 & 2, as stated within application 21/00510/TWA for the following reason: -

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- 1) The trees are in a sound condition for its age and species, and any pruning works of such healthy trees without special justification would undermine the effectiveness of the Tree Preservation Order.

Tom Skipworth
30 July 2021

Alan Kilroe
30 July 2021

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