

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 22/00484/TWA

APPLICANT: Mr George Copple

WARD AFFECTED: Roby

DEVELOPMENT: FELL 1NO. TREE

LOCATION OF SITE: 32 Lawton Road, Roby, Knowsley, L36 4HW,

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

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

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to 1 tree located within the grounds of 32 Lawton Road, L36 4HW.

Background

The TPO in this case was created in 2013 to afford protection to the trees located within the area of Lawton 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 felling of 1 Beech Tree located within the back garden of 32 Lawton Road. The reason for the request to remove is safety reason and the close proximity it is to the neighbouring households.

Arboricultural Report

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

The Beech tree is in the rear garden of 32 Lawton Road. The tree appears to be in good condition and form for its age and species. The tree stands approx. 18m high. It can be seen from surrounding streets, adding to the amenity value of the area. The Crown of the tree covers the owners garden and overhangs surrounding gardens, with significant cover over the neighbouring garden. It is in close proximity to the neighbouring building.

Although the tree is in good health, the large issues the tree is causing to the property owner and the surrounding properties is now at significant level it would be prudent to allow the tree to be removed on these grounds

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consent be granted for the felling of the beech tree as stated within application ref: 22/00484/TWA with the following conditions:

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- 1) The tree work hereby granted shall consist of Felling of 1 Beech Tree

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 Beech 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) 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.

- 5) 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.

Tom Skipworth
Arboricultural Officer
27/09/22

Alan Kilroe
27 September 2022

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