

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 21/00866/TWA

APPLICANT: Mr Colin Griffin

WARD AFFECTED: Prescott North

DEVELOPMENT: REMEDIAL WORKS TO 1NO. TREE

LOCATION OF SITE: 619 Knowsley Lane, Knowsley, L34 9EA

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

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

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to Lime tree situated in the rear garden of 619 Knowsley Lane, Knowsley Village, L34 9EA.

Background

The TPO in this case was created in 2021 to afford protection to the trees located within the grounds of 619 Knowsley Lane.

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 a crown reduction of 20% of the Lime tree,

Arboricultural Report

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

The Lime tree stands approx. 19m in height and is in good condition for its age and species. The crown of the tree is unbalanced with the majority of the weight of the tree being on the southern side towards the gardens of the houses adjacent. The tree can clearly be seen when travelling north through Knowsley village on the B5202.

The work proposed on the tree would help address the balance of the tree and reduce the weight of the tree over the adjacent gardens. The amenity value of the tree will increase with a more balanced crown being formed.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consent be granted for the crown reduction of 20% and specific branch removal, as stated within application ref: 21/00866/TWA the following conditions:

- 1) The tree work hereby granted shall consist of 20% Crown reduction

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

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- 3) 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.

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

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Tom Skipworth
Arboriculture Officer
24/01/21

Alan Kilroe
25 January 2021

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