

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 24/00167/TCA
Associates

APPLICANT: Martin Boardman &

WARD AFFECTED: Roby

DEVELOPMENT: FELL 16NO. TREES, REMEDIAL WORKS TO 23NO.
TREES AND REMEDIAL WORKS TO TREE GROUP G3

LOCATION OF SITE: Land Adj to And Rear Of Bolton Hey, Roby, Knowsley.

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

The ward members and residents have been notified. 1No Objection was received.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to trees situated within the greenspaces to the front and rear of Bolton Hey.

Background

The Conservation area in this case was created in 2016 to afford protection to the group of trees fronting Bolton Hey.

The Application.

The application seeks consent to fell 16No. Trees, remedial works to 23No. Trees, and remedial works to tree group G3 following a recent tree health survey.

Arboricultural report

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

Twelve individual trees and trees within groups G1,3 and 5 are heavily colonised by Ivy, this has the potential to conceal any evidence of structural weakness and increase wind sale, it is recommended that Ivy be severed at ground level.

There are two individual Ash trees T7, T31, that are suffering from advance stages of Ash die back, it is recommended for their removal due to their structural stability.

There are four Sycamore within G1 in severe decline that require removal due to their structural stability, this will improve the growth rate of the remaining healthy trees in the group.

G2, large hanging branch requires removal and one semi mature sycamore with extensive damage to crown that requires removal.

T2 and T19 Beech one with a cavity within the main stem, and one with a weak stem junction, due to the proximity to the property and evidence of previous branch loss damaging cars it is recommended for removal.

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T19 Cherry standing dead wood, recommended for removal.

T16 Sycamore has deadwood throughout and severe dieback at tips. Due to severe decline, it is recommended for removal.

G6 5 Sycamore recommended for removal due to decline and structural stability within the proximity of properties and the main entrance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Grant Consent: The removal of selected trees and maintenance work forms part of a good woodland management plan and will remove the density and improve growth rate of the remaining healthy trees.

Signed Case Officer¹: **Daniel Griffiths**

Signed Authorising Officer²: **Alan Kilroe**

Date: **14 May 2024**

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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