

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 23/00031/TWA
Associates

APPLICANT: Martin Boardman &

WARD AFFECTED: Roby

DEVELOPMENT: REMEDIAL WORKS TO 1NO. GROUP AND FELL 3NO.
TREES

LOCATION OF SITE: Land Between Stoneleigh Road &, Rupert Road, Roby,
Knowsley, ,

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

The ward members and local residents have been notified and there have been three objections to the application.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to nine trees located within the land between Stoneleigh Road and Rupert Road, Huyton.

Background

The TPO in this case was created in 2005 to afford protection to the trees located within the land between Stoneleigh Road and Rupert Road, Huyton.

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 fell x3 trees and raise the crowns of x5 trees.

Arboricultural Report

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

T21 is a Horse Chestnut around 13m in height and is overall in poor condition. The tree health report stated that this tree had an advanced *Phytophthora sp.* infection and was overall in poor condition. Upon inspection of this tree by the Arboricultural Officer, they are in agreement with the report and they have concerns that this tree is likely to fail within the next year.

T19 is a Damson tree around 10m in height. The tree health report stated that the tree is in poor condition with major deadwood and fungal fruiting bodies throughout the tree. Upon inspection by the Arboriculture Officer, they found the tree to match this description and is of the opinion that this tree has a limited long-term value and could potentially fail within the next year.

T26 is a Sycamore around 14m in height. The tree health report stated that the tree is in poor condition with the top 5m of the tree being dead. Following on from the Arboriculture Officers

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report, the officer agrees that this tree is in severe decline and requires removal within the next 6 months.

G1 is a group of x5 Holly Trees which average 3m in height. The applicant has requested a 2.5m crown lift to maintain clearance over the footpath, bus stop and road. Following on from a site visit, it is the Arboriculture Officers opinion that these works are necessary to clear the partial blockage to the adjacent public footpath. The crown lifts to these trees will not have an impact to the health or amenity value of these trees.

The applicant has also included a request to 'remove dead wood, throughout, and over footpath, sever ivy' for T29. The removal of deadwood and ivy is exempt activity under the tree preservation order regulations and does not require permission to undertake these works.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consent be granted for the works as stated within application ref: 23/00031/TWA with the following conditions:

- 1) The tree work hereby granted shall consist of the felling of T19, T21 and T26 and 2.5m crown lifts to x5 trees within G1.

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) Each tree should be replaced on a one for one basis, as close to the original position as possible with a similar broadleaved species of a size not less than 14-16 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 at the applicants cost.

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.

Kind Regards,

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Alan Kilroe
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