

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 23/00160/TWA
Douglas

APPLICANT: Mr Damian Fagan

WARD AFFECTED: St Gabriels

DEVELOPMENT: FELL 1NO. TREE AND REMEDIAL WORKS TO 1NO
TREE

LOCATION OF SITE: 17 Smithford Walk (Adj Woodland), Huyton, Knowsley, L35
1SF,

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

The ward members and local residents have been notified, there has been one objection to the application.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to two tree features located within a woodland at the rear of Smithford Walk, Huyton.

Background

The TPO in this case was created in 1964 to afford protection to the trees located within the grounds of Halsnead Park and Lickers Lane, with the feature being marked as 'W7'.

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 1NO. tree and to undertake remedial works to 1NO. tree.

Arboricultural Report

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

Feature T1 is an Ash tree that is approximately 16m in height. Upon inspection of this tree during a site visit, this tree was found to be in poor shape and form and displayed early stages of ash dieback. Whilst inspecting the base of the tree, I noticed that the tree had a large cavity at the base of the tree which displayed internal decay. Because of the overall condition of this tree, I believe that it has a limited life expectancy and due to the number of targets surrounding the tree, including a residential property, it is my opinion that this tree should be felled as soon as practicable.

Feature T2, a mature Oak tree, upon inspection was found to be around 20m in height and is in good condition and in reasonable shape and form for its age. Upon inspection it was immediately notable that an overextending branch on the western side was touching No.18 Smithford Walk. As per good practice, this branch requires reducing as it currently poses an actionable nuisance and has the potential to cause damage to No.18's roof and television ariel.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consent is granted for features T1 and T2.

- 1) The tree work hereby granted shall consist of FELL 1NO. TREE AND REMEDIAL WORKS TO 1NO 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) 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.

- 3) 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.

Signed Case Officer¹: **J Henderson**

Signed Authorising Officer²: **K Foster**

Date: **10 July 2023**

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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