

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 21/00669/TWA

APPLICANT: Livv Housing

WARD AFFECTED: Prescott North

DEVELOPMENT: REMEDIAL WORKS TO 5NO TREES

LOCATION OF SITE: 6, 8 & 10 Station Road & Land To Rear Of Station Road
Carpark, Prescott, L34 5SW

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

The ward members and local residents have been notified and one letter of support has been received from a resident.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to 5 London planes located in the rear gardens of 6, 8 & 10 Station Road.

Background

The TPO in this case was created in 2009 to afford protection to the line of London planes running along the back of Station 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 a 30% crown reduction and thin of 5 trees. In order to give the residents more light in their properties. The application has also stated that if the trees have previously pollarded then this operation will be repeated.

Arboricultural Report

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

The London planes stand approx. 15m in height and are in reasonable health for their age and species. The trees are heavily covered in ivy and at the time of inspection, it was hard to distinguish any past works carried out. The trees are located in the rear gardens of houses on Station Road, and the crowns cover the properties gardens. The trees do need some maintenance works carrying out.

With the ivy removal it will be easier to see any previous works that have been carried out. This may have included pollarding work, which if previously carried out then re-pollarding would be the best option going forward. Failing this, the trees would need a crown reduction at a maximum of 30%. The works proposed will not have an effect on the trees nor impact the amenity value of the trees.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that consent be granted for the 30% crown reduction or re-pollarding, as stated within application ref: 21/00669/TWA with following conditions.

- 1) The tree work hereby granted shall consist of 30% Crown reduction and thin or re-pollarding.

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
Arboricultural Officer
22/12/21



23 December 2021

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