

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 23/00065/TWA

APPLICANT: Anchor

WARD AFFECTED: Whitefield

DEVELOPMENT: REMEDIAL WORKS TO 4NO. TREES, FELL 1NO
SAPLING GROUP AND 1NO SAPLING

LOCATION OF SITE: Millview, North Park Road, Kirkby Park, Kirkby, Knowsley,
L32 2DD

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

The ward members and local residents have been notified and there have been no objections to the application.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to five trees and one tree group located within the grounds of Millview, North Park Road, Kirkby.

Background

The TPO in this case was created in 2002 to afford protection to the trees located within the grounds of Millview, North Park Road, Kirkby.

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 x1 trees, fell x1 tree group and to undertake remedial works to x4 trees.

Arboricultural Report

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

Feature 6 is a group of likely self-set sycamores that offer minimal amenity value to the area. Although they were not in leaf at the time of my visit, by the time they are in leaf it is highly likely that they will encroach onto the adjacent traffic light.

Feature 10 is a mature Lime tree located on the border of the site. This feature is overall of good shape and form. It was noted during the visit that there was dense epicormic growth at the base of the tree and some of the branches were close to the adjacent building.

Feature 10.1 is a likely self-seeded Sycamore located underneath feature 10. This feature offers minimal amenity value to the area and will likely cause a conflict with feature ten as it continues to grow.

Feature 12 is a mature Horse Chestnut with three main stems located on the border of the site. This feature is overall of good shape and form. It was noted during the visit that there was

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dense epicormic growth at the base of the tree and some of the branches were close to the adjacent building.

Feature 18 is a mature Sycamore tree located on the border of the site. This feature is overall of good shape and form. It was noted during the visit that there was dense epicormic growth at the base of the tree and some of the branches were close to the adjacent building.

Feature 30 is a mature London Plane located adjacent to the car park within the site. Overall this tree is of good shape and form, however it was found to have some low-hanging branches over the adjacent car parking spaces.

Because features 6 and 10.1 are likely self-seeded and have the potential to cause conflict with the adjacent trees and street furniture, the removal of these trees will not have a negative impact to the amenity value of the surrounding area.

In addition, the remedial works to the remaining features are considered necessary to ensure good clearance above ground level and the adjacent building. These works are considered not to have a negative impact to the overall amenity value these trees offer the surrounding area.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consent be granted for the works as stated within application ref: 23/00065/TWA with the following conditions:

- 1) The tree work hereby granted shall consist of remedial works to 4no. Trees, fell 1no sapling group and 1no sapling as described in the application form.

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) 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.

- 4) 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.

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