

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 22/00036/TWA **APPLICANT:** Knowsley Council

WARD AFFECTED: Whiston & Cronton

DEVELOPMENT: FELL 7NO. TREES, ONE GROUP OF TREES AND
REMEDIAL WORKS TO 1NO. TREE

LOCATION OF SITE: Old Wood North, Woodend , Whiston, Knowsley, L35 3PY ,

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

The ward members and local residents have been notified and there have been no responses.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to 12 trees within Old Wood North, adjacent Big Water Pond, L35 3PY

Background

The TPO in this case was created in 2007 to afford protection to the trees located within the area of Windy Arbor Wood and Old Wood, Whiston.

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 the felling of 11 trees within the land with 9 on the grounds of being in poor condition, 4 are dead and exempt from TPO legislation, 2 to allow access to the woodland for machinery to access the watercourse. 1 tree is down for remedial works.

Arboricultural Report

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

The site is an ancient woodland, therefore any works approved within the woodland would have to be sympathetic to the area and carried out with great care.

The four dead trees G1 (two trees), T5, T10 are exempt from needing permission to remove. T2 is a Yew tree, T6, T7, T8, T9 are Sycamores. The trees range in height from 16-18m. The trees have been found to be in poor condition each demonstrating large areas of decay, with the majority of the of trees showing areas of decay at the base of the trees. The trees follow the watercourse through old wood and are adjacent to footpaths presenting a danger to the public. The woodlands are currently under private ownership, but this will soon be changing allow the public back into the woodlands. Some of the trees have potential for bat roosts which would have to be investigated before any felling is carried out.

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T4 and T3 are both Sycamores standing approx. 15m in height. They are both in reasonable health and are located along the western edge of the woodland. One tree T3 was a multi stem species with one stem having split and is currently hung up in an adjacent tree. The remaining stem is okay with no defects. These trees are down for removal for access to the site, I believe there are more ways to access the site with machinery that would not involve the removal of trees. That this should be explored more so consent is not granted for the removal of these trees.

T11 is a fully mature multi stem sycamore standing approx. 18m in height. There tree consists of three stems. One of the stems has a large cavity with fire damage present, weakening the structure. Therefore, the removal of the stem is recommended, the remainder of the tree is in a fair condition.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consent be turned down for the removal of trees T3 & T4 but granted for the removal of the G1, T5, T10, T2, T6, T7, T8, T9 and the remedial works to T11 as stated within application ref: 21/00036/TWA with the following conditions:

- 1) The tree work hereby granted shall consist of felling of Trees G1, T2, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10,

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 tree work hereby granted shall consist of removal of fire damaged stem of T11.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to comply with Saved Policy DQ4 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan, adopted June 2006.

- 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.

- 4) Any trees not within the ownership of the applicant requires consultation with the tree owner prior to any commencement of any on site works.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to comply with the application.

- 5) Each tree should be replaced on a one for one basis, as close to the original position as possible with a Native species, appropriate to the woodland of a size not less than 12-14cm 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.

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.

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- 6) 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.

- 7) No work shall be carried until the trees have been assessed for roosting bats.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to comply with the application.

Tom Skipworth
Arboricultural Officer.
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21/3/21

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