

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 23/00066/TWA **APPLICANT:** Anchor

WARD AFFECTED: Whitefield

DEVELOPMENT: REMEDIAL WORKS TO 11NO. TREES

LOCATION OF SITE: Park Court , North Park Road, Kirkby Park, Kirkby,
Knowsley, L32 2AR

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 seven tree features located within the grounds of Park Court, 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 Park Court, 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 undertake remedial works to 11No. trees

Arboricultural Report

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

The applicant has requested to remove epicormic growth and water shoots from features 6, 9, 11 and 18. These works are in line with good maintenance practice, I have no objections to these works as they will have no impact to the trees health and will improve the amenity value these trees offer the surrounding area.

Feature 10 is two mature Sycamores located adjacent to each other, they are both of reasonable shape and form and are in good condition for their age. The applicant has applied to clear the epicormic growth on the stem and to reduce some of the branches on the northern crown to provide a good clearance from the adjacent building. Both requested works are in line with good practice and will alleviate the nuisance this feature currently presents to the adjacent building. I have no objections to these works, and I believe the works will not have a negative impact to the health or amenity value this feature offers.

Feature 19 is an early mature sorbus sp. that is of reasonable shape and form. This tree appeared to be in reasonable health for its age. Because of the location of this tree underneath the adjacent taller features, this tree has spread some of its branches into the

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neighbouring property. The applicant has applied to reduce the overhanging branches into the neighbouring property by 2m to control the encroachment into the neighbouring property. I have no objections to these works, and I believe the works will not have a negative impact to the health or amenity value this feature offers.

Feature 20 is a mature maple that is of reasonable shape and form. This tree appeared to be in good health for its age. The applicant has applied to reduce the crown away from the buildings by a minimum of 1.5m and to install a brace that will reduce the chance of failure at the included union. Both requested works are in line with good practice and will alleviate the nuisance this feature currently presents to the adjacent buildings. I have no objections to these works, and I believe the works will not have a negative impact to the health or amenity value this feature offers.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consent be granted for the works as stated within application ref: 23/00066/TWA with the following conditions:

- 1) The tree work hereby granted shall consist of remedial works to 11No. trees as described in the submitted 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) 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.

Jonathan Henderson
2 May 2023

Alan Kilroe
2 May 2023

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