

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 21/00709/TCA

APPLICANT: Mr Colin Griffin

WARD AFFECTED: Prescott North

DEVELOPMENT: REMEDIAL WORKS TO 4NO TREE

LOCATION OF SITE: 619 Knowsley Lane, Knowsley, L34 9EA

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

The Ward members and neighbours have been notified and no responses have been received

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The notification refers to 4 trees located in the grounds of 619 Knowsley Lane, Knowsley Village, L34 9EA

Background

The trees are located in the Knowsley Village conservation area. Under section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act anyone proposing to cut down or carry out work on a tree in a Conservation Area is required to give the Local Planning Authority six weeks prior notice. The purpose of this notice is to give the Local Planning Authority an opportunity to consider whether a Tree Preservation Order should be made in respect of the trees.

The Notification

The notification advises the Local Planning Authority of the property owners intent carry out the pollarding of 2 x Lime trees to encourage shape. 20% reduction of 2 x sycamores. no reason have been supplied.

Arboricultural report

The notification has been considered by the arboriculture officer who makes the following comments:

The two Lime trees T1 and T2 are situated at the side of the property one in the front garden one in the rear. The trees stand between 18-20m they are both in good condition for their age and species. Due to the size and location of the trees they can be clearly seen when travelling north through Knowsley village on the B5202. Due to the size and location of the trees they add high amenity value to the area. Pollarding is an extreme job, which will greatly reduce the canopy and bring the height/size down losing the amenity value they offer.

T4 is a Lime tree not a sycamore, the tree has had some poor pruning works carried out in the past, which effect it's current amenity value. It stands approx. 15m in height and is in poor health. The tree adds nothing to the local area, despite being on the main road.

T3 is a sycamore located adjacent to the house in the front garden. Its stands approx. 13m in height, it is in good health for its age and species. due to the proximity of the house, it will be restricted in its growth in the future. The tree can be seen clearly though is partially hidden by the surrounding trees. It does not overall ad to the amenity value of the area.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the two trees T1 & T2 have a TPO placed upon them in order to prevent the pollarding, while no control is exercised over trees T3 & T4 as outlined in notification 21/00709/TCA.

Tom Skipworth
Arboricultural Officer
19/10/21

Alan Kilroe
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