

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

'Regeneration and Economic Development Department

APPLICATION NO: 21/00940/TWA

APPLICANT: Mrs Tara Davin

WARD AFFECTED: Halewood South

DEVELOPMENT: FELL 2NO. TREES

LOCATION OF SITE: 2 Cherrywood Avenue, Halewood, L26 6BL

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 two Poplar tree situated within the ground of 2 Cherrywood Avenue, L26 6BL.

Background

The TPO in this case was created in to afford protection of the trees within the grounds of Cherrywood Avenue in 2004.

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 two over mature Poplar trees located within the back garden of 2 Cherrywood Avenue. Due to being over mature, close proximity to the property and dropping branches.

Arboricultural Report

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

The Two Poplar trees are approx. 21m in height and are in good health for their age and species. The trees are located approx. 6m from the building. They can be clearly seen from the surrounding areas, adding to the amenity value of the area.

Upon visiting the site, the residents have begun landscaping works which include pulling up old decking. Ground levels have been raised in the past and it appears that there have been some light foundations put in. No major roots where visible where they were expected to be and it is reasonable to assume that they have been cut in the past, thus potentially making the trees unstable.

With this in mind and the close proximity of the houses I find it prudent for permission to be granted for the removal of the trees on the account of potential safety risks.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that consent be granted for the removal of the two poplars, as stated within application ref: 21/00940/TWA with the following conditions:

- 1) The tree work hereby granted shall consist of the removal of the two poplars

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) Prior to the implementation of any landscaping or the removal of trees from the site a scheme for replacement tree planting shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The submitted scheme shall include tree replacement for individual and groups of trees on a 1:1 basis. The scheme should include the location, size and species of the replacement trees.

The tree planting shall be wholly implemented in its finally approved form in accordance with the approved scheme within the first available planting season following the substantial completion of development. Any tree or other planting which is lost, felled, removed, becomes diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced in kind during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

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

Tom Skipworth
Arboricultural Officer
28/02/22

Alan Kilroe
1 March 2022

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