

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

PLACE Department

APPLICATION NO: 26/00227/TCA

APPLICANT: Mr John Blackwell

WARD AFFECTED: St Gabriels

DEVELOPMENT: Works to trees within Victoria Road and Huyton Church Road Conservation Area specifically Silver Birch (T1) – reduce to 8-foot standing monolith

LOCATION OF SITE:

Dunster
29 Huyton Church Road
Huyton
Knowsley
L36 5SH

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION:

Notifications were sent to 10 local residents; no objections have been received.

ISSUES AND ASSESSMENT:

Site Location

The application refers to a silver birch tree situated to the rear of 29 Huyton Church Road, Huyton.

Background

96/00001/TPO - TREE PRESERVATION ORDER No 1-1996

The Application.

The application seeks consent for remedial works to 1no. Silver Birch to the rear of 29 Huyton Church Road to provide clearance from the dwelling.

Arboricultural report

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

The silver birch tree is considered to have borderline TPO merit following TEMPO assessment. The tree is situated within a group of surrounding trees and does not form a prominent individual feature within the wider landscape. As such, its reduction to a standing monolith would not result in a material loss of public visual amenity, as the existing tree cover and screening provided by adjacent trees would remain and the contribution of the birch as an individual specimen would be limited. Retention as a standing monolith would also provide ecological enhancement through the creation of a habitat pole for birds, invertebrates, and decay-dependent species. On balance, the proposed works are not considered to result in a material loss of amenity sufficient to warrant objection.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that consent be granted to allow the remedial works to 1xSilver Birch as stated within the application 26/00227/TCA

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- 1) 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.

Signed Case Officer¹: **Kate Pickles** _____

Signed Authorising Officer²: **Alan Kilroe** _____

Date: **26 May 2026** _____

¹ I confirm that I do not have a personal relationship with the applicant, agent or other interested parties; I also confirm that I do not have a financial interest in the site or the development proposed

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