

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P11/0253

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	SEDGLEY
Applicant	Mr Philip Thomas
Location:	8, GOWER ROAD, SEDGLEY, DUDLEY, DY3 3PN
Proposal	FELL 1 HOLLY TREE
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: TPO/690 (2002) – T17

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The tree subject to this application is an early mature holly tree that is located in the front garden of 8 Gower Road. The tree is a small specimen that has a good form. Whilst the tree is visible in the street scene its small size limits its amenity value.

PROPOSAL

2. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
 - Fell 1 Holly tree
3. The tree has been marked on the attached plan.

HISTORY

4. There have been no previous Tree Preservation Order applications on this site.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

5. No Representations have been received.

ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

<i>Tree Structure</i>	Tree I
TPO No.	T17
Species	Holly
Height (m)	2.5
Spread (m)	2.5
DBH (mm)	60
Canopy Architecture	Good
Overall Form	Good
Age Class <i>Yng / EM / M / OM / V</i>	Early Mature

Structural Assessment

Trunk / Root Collar	Good	
Scaffold Limbs	Good	
Secondary Branches	Good	
% Deadwood	1%	
Root Defects	None Evident	
Root Disturbance	None Evident	
Other		
Failure Foreseeable <i>Imm / Likely / Possible / No</i>	Whole No	Part No

Vigour Assessment

Vascular Defects	None Evident
Foliage Defects	None Evident
Leaf Size	Slightly Small
Foliage Density	Slightly Small
Other	

Overall Assessment

Structure	Good
Vigour	Good / Moderate
Overall Health	Good

Other Issues

Light Obstruction	No
Physical Damage	No
Surface Disruption	No
Debris	Minimal

Amenity Assessment

Visible	Yes
Prominence	Moderate / Low
Part of Wider Feature?	No
Characteristic of Area	Yes
Amenity Value	Low

Further Assessment

6. The applicant has proposed to fell the tree due to concerns about people hiding behind the tree, with the intention of causing damage to their property.
7. On inspection the tree was found to be in a good condition with no major defects present. The foliage was slightly smaller than would be expected, but this is not considered to be a major concern.
8. Whilst it is not considered that the reasons for the application would not normally justify the felling of any tree that provides a reasonable amount of amenity. However government guidance states that the less amenity that a tree provides, the less justification is required in order to warrant the felling of the tree.
9. In this case due to the small size of the tree it is considered that the tree provides a low amount of amenity and that the justification provided, is sufficient to warrant its removal.
10. As such it is recommended that the application is approved.

CONCLUSION

11. The applicant has proposed to remove the tree as they are concerned about people hiding behind the tree in with the intention of causing damage to their car.
12. Normally this wouldn't be considered sufficient justification to remove a tree that provides a good amount of amenity to the area. However in this case it is considered that the tree in question provides such a low amount of amenity that the reasons justify the felling of the tree.

RECOMMENDATION

13. It is recommended that application is approved subject to the conditions set out below.

Conditions and/or reasons:

1. The tree works subject of this consent shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard BS 3998:2010 'Recommendations for Treework'.
2. The works hereby approved shall be carried out within 12 months of the date of this decision.

