

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P12/0342

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	WORDSLEY
Applicant	Mrs Caroline Shaw
Location:	98 & 102, CLOCK TOWER VIEW, WORDSLEY, STOURBRIDGE, DY8 5TJ
Proposal	FELL 1 OAK TREE. CROWN THIN 2 SYCAMORE TREES BY 20%.
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D491 (1996) A1

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The tree subject to this application is an early mature oak tree that is located in the rear garden of 98 Clock Tower View and 2 mature sycamore trees that are located adjacent to the rear gardens of 100 & 102 Clock Tower View. The trees can be seen above and between the surrounding properties and are part of a wider group of trees along the boundary between the new development on Wordsley Hospital and the properties in Ashdown Drive. It is considered that the oak tree provides a low amount of amenity whilst the sycamore trees provide a moderate amount of amenity to the surrounding area.

PROPOSAL

2. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
 - Fell 1 Oak tree and crown thin 2 Sycamore trees
3. The trees have been marked on the attached plan.

HISTORY

4. There has been one previous Tree Preservation Order application on this site.

Application No	Proposal	Decision	Date
P11/1440	Prune 1 Oak tree	Approved with conditions	20/02/2012

5. Following consideration the applicant has not carried out the above works.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. At the time of writing no representations have been received.

ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

<i>Tree Structure</i>	Tree 1	Tree 2	Tree 3
Species	Oak	Sycamore	Sycamore
Height (m)	8	10	10
Spread (m)	3	7	7
DBH (mm)	200	400	400
Canopy Architecture	Poor	Moderate / Good	Moderate / Good
Overall Form	Poor	Good	Good
Age Class <i>Yng / EM / M / OM / V</i>	Early Mature	Mature	Mature

Structural Assessment

Trunk / Root Collar	Good		Good		Good	
Scaffold Limbs	Moderate		Good		Good	
Secondary Branches	Moderate		Good		Good	
% Deadwood	15%		1%		1%	
Root Defects	None Evident		None Evident		None Evident	
Root Disturbance	None Evident		None Evident		None Evident	
Other						
Failure Foreseeable Imm / Likely / Possible / No	Whole No	Whole No	Whole No	Part No	Whole No	Part No

Vigour Assessment

Vascular Defects	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident
Foliage Defects	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident
Leaf Size	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf
Foliage Density	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf
Other			

Overall

Assessment

Structure	Moderate	Good	Good
Vigour	Poor	Good	Good
Overall Health	Moderate	Good	Good

Other Issues

Light Obstruction	Some	Yes	Yes
Physical Damage	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident
Surface Disruption	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident
Debris	Some	Yes	Yes

Amenity

Assessment

Visible	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prominence	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Part of Wider Feature?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Characteristic of Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
Amenity Value	Low	Moderate	Moderate

Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to fell the oak tree, as it is a poor specimen, and to crown thin the Sycamore trees to reduce the shading they provide to the surrounding properties.
8. On inspection all of the trees were found to be in a reasonable condition with no major defects present.
9. It is considered that the proposed crown thinning of the sycamore trees is acceptable. The proposed crown thinning would serve to remove branches from within the crown but maintain the shape and form of the tree. As such these works will provide a benefit in terms of light obstruction, whilst maintaining the amenity value of the tree. Given the lack of impact on the amenity of the area it is considered that the works should be approved.

10. With regard to the oak tree it is considered that the tree is a poor specimen that has developed a misshapen form due to the presence of surrounding trees. The tree has grown with a pronounced lean towards the adjacent newly built house, and will never develop into a good specimen.
11. It is considered that the tree has a low amenity value due to both its poor form and its limited prominence caused by its smaller stature in comparison to the adjacent sycamore trees.
12. Overall it is considered that the removal and replanting with a more appropriate tree would best serve the long term amenity of the area. It is therefore considered that the works are justified and appropriate and as such should be approved.

CONCLUSION

13. The applicant has proposed to crown thin 2 sycamore trees by 20% and to fell an oak tree. The works to the sycamores have been proposed to reduce the amount of light obstruction that they cause to the adjacent properties, and the works to the oak tree have been proposed due to shading and due to its poor form.
14. Overall it is considered that the proposed works are justified and appropriate, and should be approved subject to the planting of a replacement tree of the oak.

RECOMMENDATION

15. It is recommended that application is approved subject to the stated condition.

Conditions and/or reasons:

1. A replacement tree shall be planted between the beginning of November and the end of March, within 1 year of felling (and replanted if necessary) and maintained until satisfactorily established. The size, species and locations of the replacement trees shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning authority prior to the felling of the trees to which this application relates.
2. The tree works subject of this consent shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard BS 3998:2010 'Recommendations for Treework'.



88.4m



WORDSLEY

MARSHALL CRESCENT

CLOCK TOWER VIEW

ASHDOWN DRIVE

T1
T2
T3

El Sub Sta

Nursery

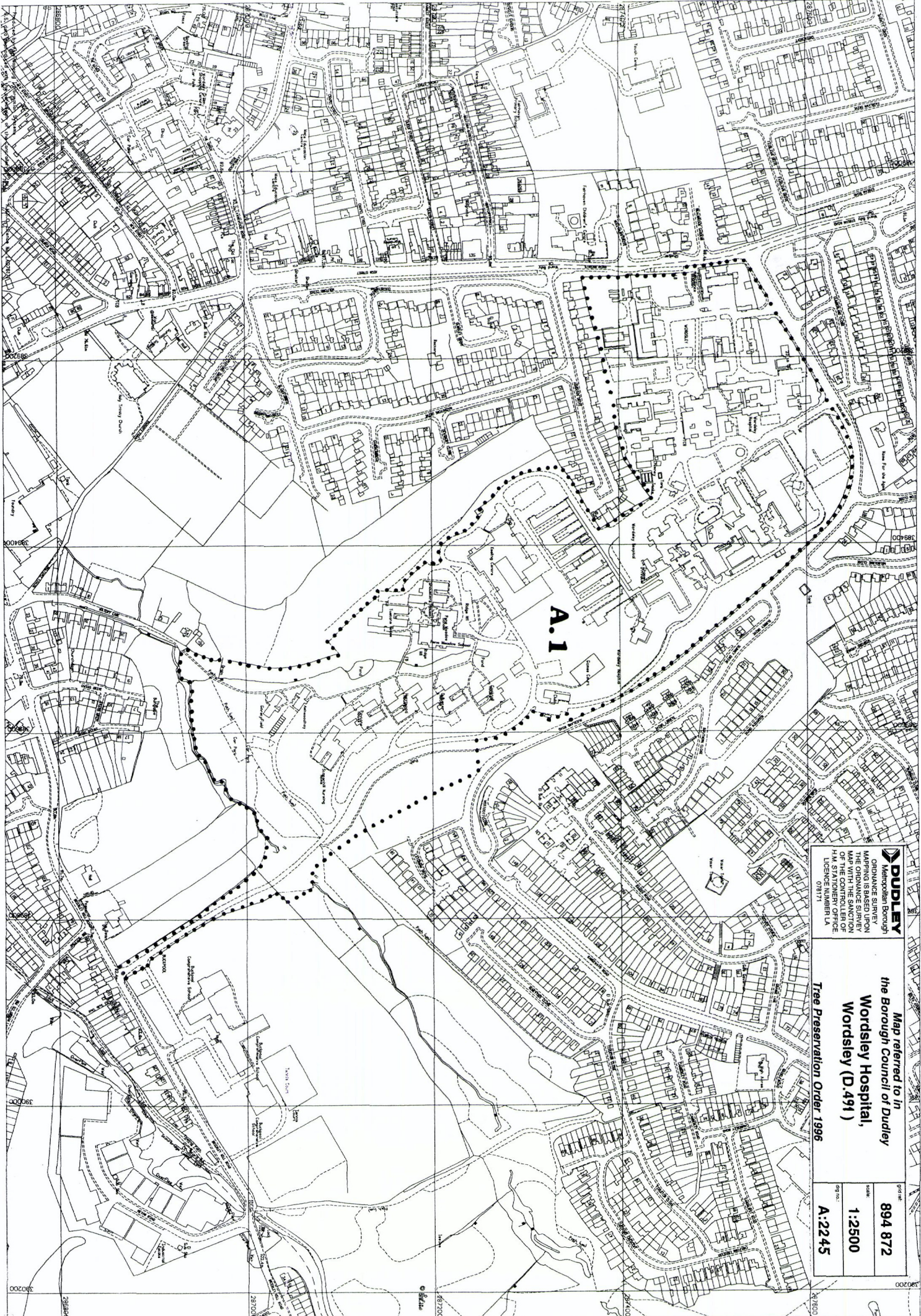
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STREAM ROAD

Ward Bdy CR

531

93.6m



DUDLEY
Metropolitan Borough
ORDNANCE SURVEY
MAPPING IS BASED UPON
THE ORDNANCE SURVEY
MAP WITH THE SANCTION
OF H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE
LICENCE NUMBER LA
078171

Map referred to in
the Borough Council of Dudley
Wordsley Hospital,
Wordsley (D.491)

Tree Preservation Order 1996

grid ref	894 872
scale	1:2500
map no.	A:2245

FIRST SCHEDULE

<u>No. on Map</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Situation</u>
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Trees Specified Individually

None

Trees Specified by Reference to an Area

A1	The several trees of whatever species standing in the area numbered A1 on the map	Wordsley Hospital off Stream Road, Wordsley
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Groups of Trees

None

Woodlands

None