

# PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P13/1752

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	Sedgley
Applicant	Dudley MBC – GreenCare
Location:	<b>6 &amp; 8, THE VISTA, SEDGLEY, DY3 1QF</b>
Proposal	<b>CROWN THIN 2 LIME TREES BY 20% AND CROWN LIFT.</b>
Recommendation Summary:	<b>APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>

## TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: TPO 703 (2002) – T15 & T16

### SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

- The trees subject to this application are 2 mature lime trees that are located in the front gardens of 6 & 8, The Vista, Sedgley. The trees form part of the original planting of the estate and are highly prominent as part of the street scene. Overall it is considered that the trees provide a moderate to high amount of amenity to the surrounding area.

### PROPOSAL

- Summary of proposals for the works as written on the application form is as follows:
  - Crown thin 2 lime trees by 20% and crown lift to 5.5 metres.
- The trees have been marked on the attached plan.

### HISTORY

- There has been one previous Tree Preservation Order application submitted in relation to these trees.

Application No	Proposal	Decision	Date
P07/1376	Prune 2 lime trees	Approved with conditions	10/09/2007

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

5. At the time of writing no public representations have been received. However the period of public consultation does not expire until the 16<sup>th</sup> December. Details of any representations received prior to the committee date will be provided to the committee in the form of a pre-committee note.

## ASSESSMENT

### Tree(s) Appraisal

<i>Tree Structure</i>	<b>Tree 1</b>	<b>Tree 2</b>
TPO No	T15	T16
Species	Lime	Lime
Height (m)	12	10
Spread (m)	8	8
DBH (mm)	550	500
Canopy Architecture	Moderate – Old Pollard	Moderate – old pollard
Overall Form	Good	Good / Moderate
Age Class <i>Yng / EM / M / OM / V</i>	Mature	Mature

### *Structural Assessment*

Trunk / Root Collar	Good	Good
Scaffold Limbs	Good	Good
Secondary Branches	Good	Good
% Deadwood	5%	5%
Root Defects	None Evident	None Evident
Root Disturbance	None Evident	None Evident
Other		
Failure Foreseeable <i>Imm / Likely / Possible / No</i>	Whole No	Whole No

### *Vigour Assessment*

Vascular Defects	None Evident	None Evident
Foliage Defects	None Evident	None Evident
Leaf Size	Good	Good
Foliage Density	Good	Good
Other		

*Overall  
Assessment*

Structure	Good	Good
Vigour	Good	Good
<b>Overall Health</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>

**Other Issues**

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

**Amenity  
Assessment**

Visible	Yes	Yes
Prominence	High	High
Part of Wider Feature?	Yes	Yes
Characteristic of Area	Yes	Yes
<b>Amenity Value</b>	<b>Moderate / High</b>	<b>Moderate / High</b>

**Further Assessment**

6. The application has been submitted by the Council's Greencare Department in order to undertake works to the trees that have been identified as required following a condition assessment of the trees.
7. The proposed works is to crown thin the trees by 20% and crown lift the trees to provide a 5.5 metre clearance above ground level. The works are intended to ensure sufficient clearance over the road and to remove any poorly formed, broken, rubbing and duplicated branches within the crowns of the tree and to ensure suitable clearance from the adjacent buildings, street lights and telephone wires.
8. On inspection both trees were found to be in a reasonable condition with no major defects present. However as both trees have been pollarded, the resultant re-growth consists of a number of tight groups stems that are all competing with each other for the available light. If left un-thinned, the chances of future limb failure will increase over time.
9. The proposed works are considered to be appropriate for the trees and in accordance with good management. The works will improve the long term health of the trees and will have little impact on the amenity of the local area.

10. Overall it is considered that the proposed works are acceptable and as such it is recommended that the application be approved.

## CONCLUSION

11. The application is to undertake minor pruning works to the trees in order to ensure sufficient clearance over the road and front gardens of the property; to remove any poorly formed, broken, rubbing and duplicated branches within the crowns of the tree and to ensure suitable clearance from the adjacent buildings, street lights and telephone wires.
12. The proposed works will have little impact on the amenity of the area, whilst ensuring the trees are maintained in an appropriate condition for their location.
13. Given the limited impact of the works it is recommended that the application be approved.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

### Reason For Approval

The proposed works are relatively minor in their nature and will serve to keep the trees in a good condition, appropriate for their location. The works will have little impact on the amenity of the area and are considered to be in accordance with the good management of the trees.

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 Tree work'.

