

# PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P13/0317

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	Amblecote
Applicant	Mr Paul Morris
Location:	<b>16, JARDINE CLOSE, AMBLECOTE, STOURBRIDGE, DY8 4AT</b>
Proposal	<b>FELL 5 SYCAMORE TREES; PRUNE 1 CONIFER TREE</b>
Recommendation Summary:	<b>APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>

## SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The trees subject to this application are 5 sycamore trees and a cypress conifer tree. The trees, along with 6 others are located in the rear garden of 16 Jardine Close, and form part of an informal linear feature of trees that runs along the boundary of Jardine Close and the adjacent Cricketers Green estate.
2. The main value of the tree feature is as a screen between properties, collectively the trees provide a moderate amount of public amenity, but the trees subject to this application are considered to provide a low amount of individual amenity due to their relatively limited size.
3. The trees are protected under W1 of TPO/0024/AMB that was served in 2008. This is a woodland designation order that was served shortly after the construction of the properties with a view to ensuring the long term retention of the tree screen between the new properties in Jardine Close and the older adjacent properties.

## PROPOSAL

4. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
  - Fell 5 sycamore trees (T1, T2, T4, T5 & T6);
  - Clip 1 Conifer tree (T3).

5. The application also included a proposal to prune damaged branches from another sycamore tree. However the removal of these branches is exempt from the need for permission, as such they have not been considered as part of this report.
6. The trees have been marked on the attached plan.

## HISTORY

7. There have been no previous Tree Preservation Order applications on these trees.

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

8. No public representations have been received.

## ASSESSMENT

### Tree(s) Appraisal

<i>Tree Structure</i>	<b>Tree 1</b>	<b>Tree 2</b>	<b>Tree 3</b>
Species	Sycamore	Sycamore	Cypress
Height (m)	6	6	5
Spread (m)	2	1.5	1.5
DBH (mm)	100	75	100
Canopy Architecture	Good	Good	Good
Overall Form	Slender	Slender	Good
Age Class <i>Yng / EM / M / OM / V</i>	Young	Young	Young

### *Structural Assessment*

Trunk / Root Collar	Good	Good	Good
Scaffold Limbs	Good	Good	Good
Secondary Branches	Good	Good	Good
% Deadwood	1%	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	Part No	Whole No	Whole 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	Good	Good	Good
Vigour	Good	Good	Good
<b>Overall Health</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Good</b>

**Other Issues**

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

**Amenity**

**Assessment**

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

*Tree Structure*

	<b>Tree 4</b>	<b>Tree 5</b>	<b>Tree 6</b>
Species	Sycamore	Sycamore	Sycamore
Height (m)	6	6	6
Spread (m)	2	2	1

DBH (mm)	100	75	75
Canopy Architecture	Good	Good	Good
Overall Form	Good	Good	Suppressed
Age Class <i>Yng / EM / M / OM / V</i>	Young	Young	Young

*Structural Assessment*

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

Other Issues

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

**Amenity**  
**Assessment**

Visible	Yes	Yes	No
Prominence	Low	Low	Low
Part of Wider Feature?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Characteristic of Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Amenity Value</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>

**Further Assessment**

9. The applicant has proposed to remove the 5 sycamore trees in order to allow the better long term development of the trees to be retained. The proposed clipping of the conifer is part of routine maintenance in order to keep the tree at a size appropriate to its location.
10. On inspection all of the trees were found to be in a good condition with no major defects.
11. The applicant's garden currently has 11 trees present within the relatively small area. Given that these trees are a combination of sycamore and ash, with the single conifer, and with a view to their ultimate growth potential, the retention of all of these trees within this garden cannot be sustained, and unless some trees are removed then their development of all of the trees will suffer.
12. The five trees to be removed have been selected based on the trees with the poorest form and where possible the ones to be removed have been chosen with a view to the future growth of the trees to be retained.
13. As there will still be 6 trees present within the garden it is not considered that there will be any impact on the amenity of the area, and due to the number of trees being retained it is not considered that replacement trees are required.
14. The proposed clipping of the conifer it also considered appropriate. The works are relatively minor, and will have no impact on the amenity of the area or the health of the tree. As such it is recommended that the works are approved.

15. Overall it is considered that the proposed works are all acceptable and will result in the improved form and future development of the trees to be retained and as such it is recommended that the application is approved.

## CONCLUSION

16. The proposed felling of the 5 sycamore trees is considered acceptable as it will allow for the improved development of the 6 trees that are proposed to be retained in the garden. The proposed clipping of the conifer trees is considered acceptable, as it is only minor works that will have little impact on the health of the tree or the amenity of the area.
17. Overall it is considered that all of the proposed works are appropriate and justified. As such it is recommended that the application is approved.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

### Reason For Approval

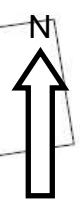
19. Overall it is considered that the proposed works are justified and appropriate by virtue of the condition, size and locations of the trees. The proposed works will have little impact on the amenity of the area, whilst ensuring the remaining trees allowed to develop in a healthy manner.

### 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'.



LAKER CLOSE



JARDINE CLOSE

T1  
T2  
T3  
T4  
T5  
T6