

# PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P11/0321

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	KINGSWINFORD SOUTH
Applicant	Mr T. Bayliss, The Woodlands Residents Ltd
Location:	<b>FLATS 16 TO 86 (EVENS), INGATESTONE DRIVE, WORDSLEY, DY8</b>
Proposal	<b>FELL 1 SYCAMORE TREE AND TRIM THE CROWN TO 1 BEECH TREE</b>
Recommendation Summary:	<b>APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>

## TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D378 (1992) – A1

### SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The trees subject to this application are a mature sycamore tree and an mature horse chestnut tree. The trees are located in a small woodlands area that forms part of the amenity space of the flat complex in Ingatestone Drive. The trees can be seen from within the woodland area, and from over the adjacent properties in Mellowdew Road. They are only visible as against the backdrop of the adjacent trees and as such are only considered to provide a moderate to low 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 sycamore and Crown reduce 1 horse chestnut tree.
3. The trees have been marked on the attached plan.

## HISTORY

4. There have been four previous Tree Preservation Order applications on this site.

Application no	Proposal	Decision	Date
P06/2389	Prune 2 beech trees and 1 cedar tree	Approved with conditions	20/02/07
P01/1445	Fell 1 Oak Tree	Refused	04/10/01
82/52211	Fell 1 Sycamore Tree	Approved with conditions	10/01/83
82/51597	Tree surgery to 37 trees including felling of one Chilean pine.	Approved with conditions	11/10/82

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

5. No representations have been received.

## ASSESSMENT

### Tree(s) Appraisal

<i>Tree Structure</i>	<b>Tree 1</b>	<b>Tree 2</b>
TPO No	AI	AI
Species	Sycamore	Horse Chestnut
Height (m)	14m	14m
Spread (m)	6m	7m
DBH (mm)	450mm	550mm
Canopy Architecture	Poor – I Sided	Moderate
Overall Form	Poor – I Sided	Moderate
Age Class <i>Yng / EM / M / OM / V</i>	Mature	Mature

### *Structural Assessment*

Trunk / Root Collar	Good		Good / Moderate	
Scaffold Limbs	Good / Moderate		Good	
Secondary Branches	Good		Good	
% Deadwood	8%		5%	
Root Defects	None Evident		None evident	
Root Disturbance	None Evident		None Evident	
Other				
Failure Foreseeable	Whole	Whole	Whole	Whole

Imm / Likely / Possible / No	No	No / Possible	No	No
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Vigour Assessment

Vascular Defects	None Evident	Slight Pseudomonas
Foliage Defects	None Evident	None Evident
Leaf Size	Just emerging	Good
Foliage Density	Slightly sparse	Good
Other		
<u>Overall Assessment</u>		
Structure	Moderate	Good
Vigour	Moderate	Good / Moderate
<b>Overall Health</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Good</b>

Other Issues

Light Obstruction	Some to neighbouring property	Some to neighbouring property
Physical Damage	None Evident	None Evident
Surface Disruption	None Evident	None Evident
Debris	Some	Some

Amenity

Assessment

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

Further Assessment

6. The applicant, on behalf of the residents association of the flats, has proposed to remove the sycamore and prune the horse chestnut following a request of a neighbouring resident in Mellowdew Road.
7. The adjacent neighbour has requested that the tree be felled, as they are concerned about the about the safety of the tree following the loss of branches over the winter.
8. The reduction of the horse chestnut has bee proposed in order to ensure the tree is kept in balanced condition if the sycamore is removed.
9. On inspection the sycamore tree was found to be a poorly formed specimen, that, due to the presence of the horse chestnut tree, has developed a totally one sided crown, with all of the branches growing over the garden of 32 Mellowdew Road. It was noted that the crown of the tree was slightly sparse, with low bud density. Overall it is considered that whilst not yet in terminal decline, the continued presence of the adjacent trees will not allow for this tree to suitably develop in the future, and the decline of the tree is likely in the near future.

10. It was noted that some branches, most likely dead branches, have dropped from the tree in the past, and further deadwood was observed in the tree.
11. Overall it is considered that, due to the poor form, and the limited life expectancy of the tree that the removal of the sycamore tree is appropriate and should be approved.
12. With regard to the horse chestnut, the tree was found to be in a reasonable condition with no major defects present. The tree is has developed a relatively full crown, but the south eastern side of the crown has enveloped around the sycamore tree, which has resulted in a slightly over extended crown spread.
13. If permission is granted for the removal of the sycamore, then it is also recommended that the horse chestnut is crown reduced by 15% in order to remedy the over extension of the canopy and retain the tree in a balanced form.
14. The proposed reduction of the horse chestnut will not drastically alter the visible appearance of the tree, and as such it should still continue to provide a similar amount of amenity to the surrounding area.
15. Overall it is considered that the proposed works are acceptable and as such it is recommended that the application is approved.

## **CONCLUSION**

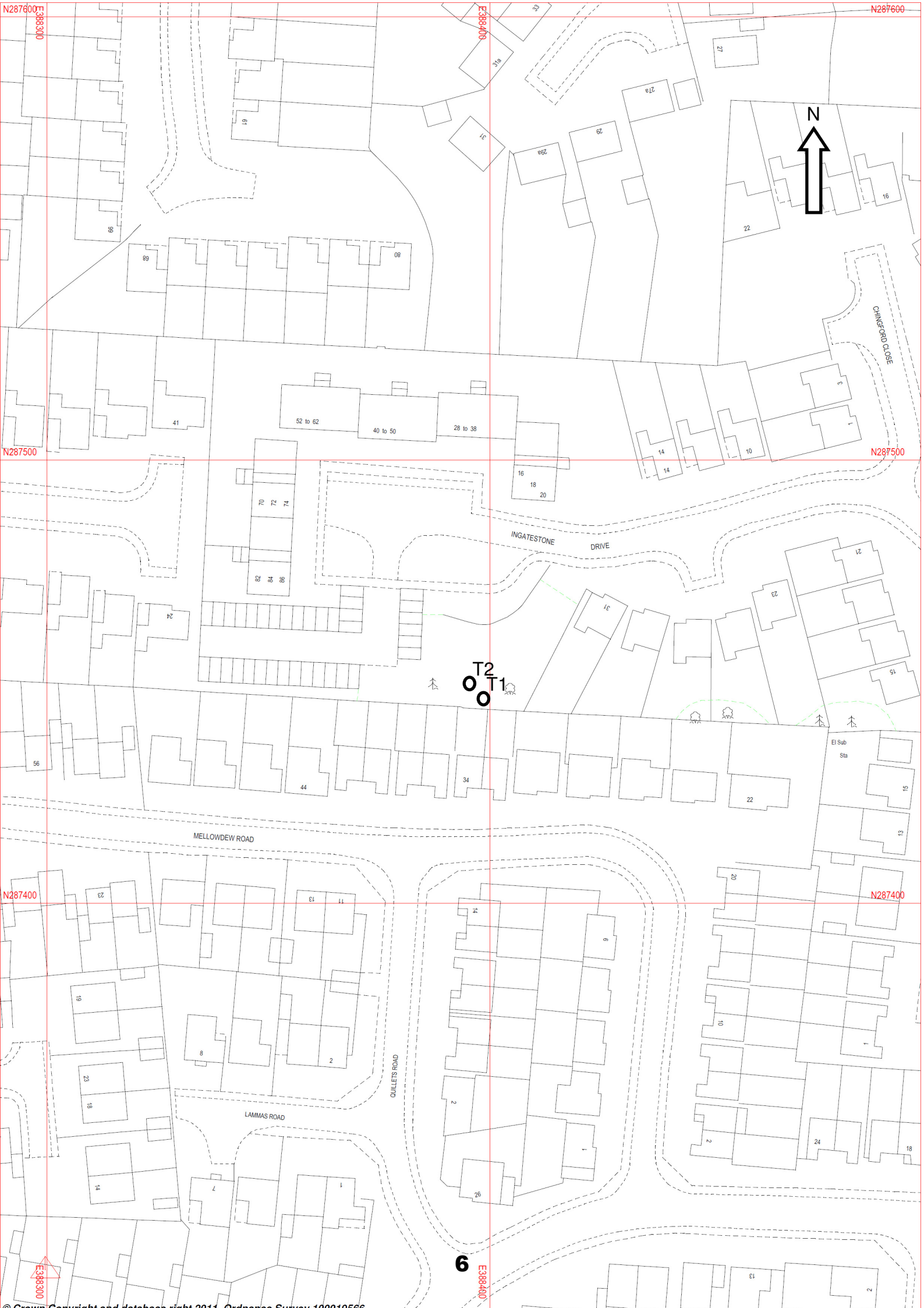
16. The applicant has proposed to fell the sycamore tree and prune the horse chestnut tree.
17. The sycamore tree is a poorly developed specimen that has a limited life expectancy. Its removal is considered appropriate as it will never develop into a decent tree and will only continue to cause problems with the adjacent neighbour as it enters into decline. It is considered that the removal of the tree is appropriate.
18. The horse chestnut tree only needs to be pruned if permission is granted to fell the sycamore tree. Due to the proximity of the two trees the canopy of the horse chestnut has grown around the sycamore and over extended on the south eastern side. As such if the sycamore tree is removed then the tree should be slightly reduced to maintain it in a balanced condition.
19. Overall it is considered that the proposed works are acceptable and should be approved,

## RECOMMENDATION

20. 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.
3. A replacement trees 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 location 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.



T2  
T1

INGATESTONE DRIVE

MELLOWDEW ROAD

LAMMAS ROAD

QUILLETTS ROAD

CHINGFORD CLOSE

El Sub Sta

E388300

E388400

N287600

N287500

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FIRST SCHEDULE

Borough of Dudley (Ingatestone Drive, Wordsley)  
No 2 Tree preservation Order, 1992

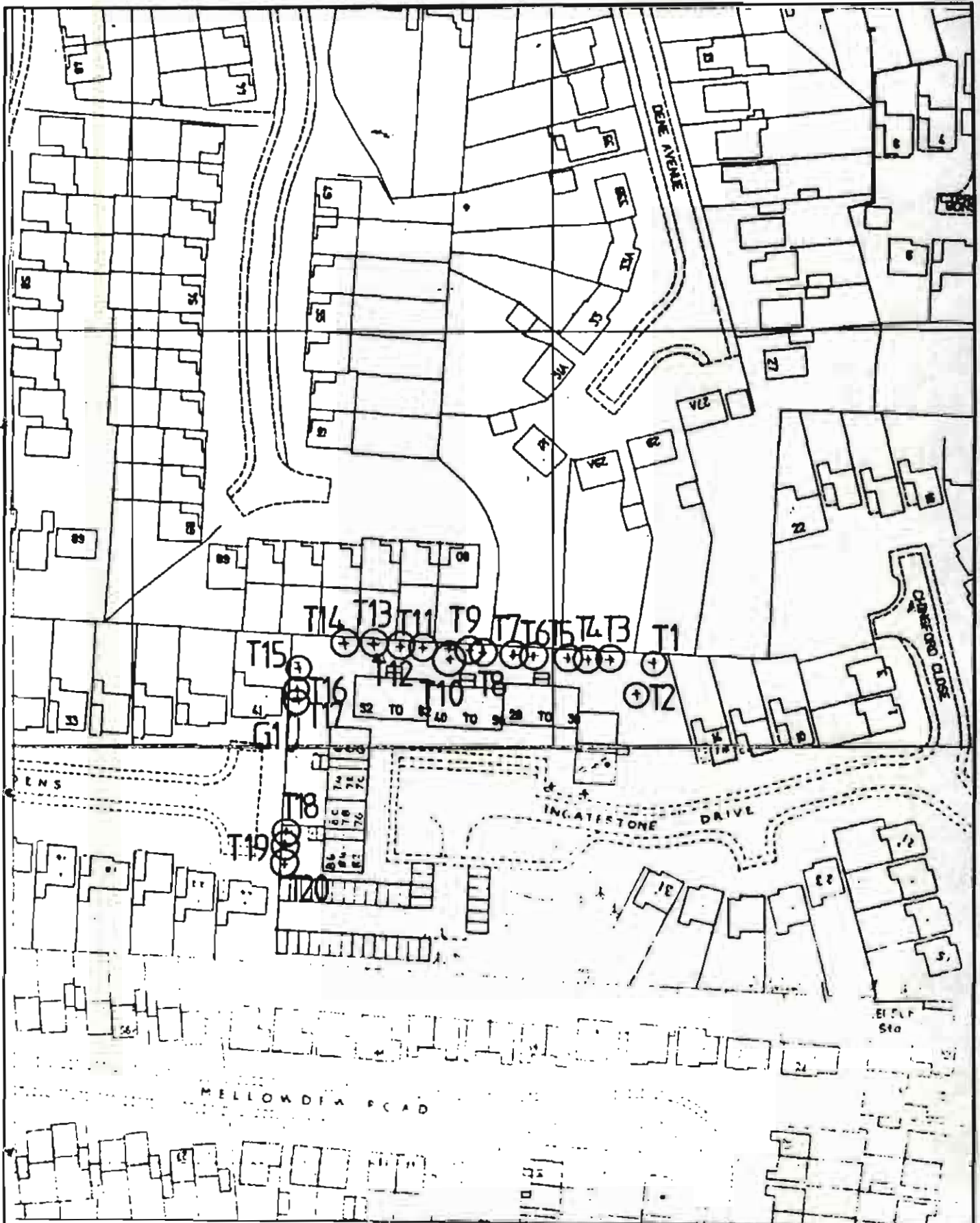
Schedule of Trees

<u>No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
T1	Sycamore	North of flats, Ingatestone Drive, Wordsley
T2	Cherry	" " " " "
T3	Sycamore	" " " " "
T4	Ash	" " " " "
T5	Sycamore	" " " " "
T6	Ash	" " " " "
T7	Walnut	" " " " "
T8	Sycamore	" " " " "
T9	Walnut	" " " " "
T10	Corsican Pine	" " " " "
T11	Sycamore	" " " " "
T12	Sycamore	" " " " "
T13	Sycamore	" " " " "
T14	Sycamore	" " " " "
T15	Lime	West of flats, Ingatestone Drive, Wordsley
T16	Lime	" " " " "
T17	Lime	" " " " "
T18	Ash	" " " " "
T19	Mountain Ash	" " " " "
T20	Ash	" " " " "

Groups

G1	3 no. Mountain Ash trees	West of flats, Ingatestone Drive, Wordsley
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**DUDLEY**  
Metropolitan Borough

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

*Map referred to in  
the Borough Council of Dudley*

**Ingatestone Drive,  
Wordsley No.2**

**Tree Preservation Order 1992**

grid ref:  
**884 875**

scale:  
**1:1250**

diag no.:

**A/2136**