

# PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P08/0346

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	KINGSWINFORD NORTH & WALLHEATH
Applicant	Mr Deakin
Location:	<b>5, MILCOTE WAY, KINGSWINFORD, KINGSWINFORD, DY6 9DE</b>
Proposal	<b>FELL 1 NO. MOUNTAIN ASH TREE</b>
Recommendation Summary:	<b>APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>

## TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D 355 (1991) – T31

### SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The tree subject to this application is a mature mountain ash tree that is located in the front garden of 5 Milcote Way, Kingswinford. The tree is prominent in the street scene, but due to its condition and size only provides 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 mountain ash 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 public representations have been received.

## ASSESSMENT

### Tree(s) Appraisal

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Criteria	Tree 1
TPO No	T31
Species	Mountain Ash
Height	8m
Spread	5m
Diameter	4 x 150mm
Form	Poor
Vigour	Poor
Approx Age	Mature
Pests / Diseases	Canker on main stems
Canopy	Poor
% Deadwood	10%
Cavities	None Evident
Bark	Poor – patches of necrotic bark
Roots	Moderate – causing disruption to adjacent driveway
Overall Health	Moderate / Poor
Visibility	High
Amenity Value	Moderate / Low

### Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to fell the tree as it is diseased and is disrupting the driveway at the adjacent property.
8. On inspection the tree was found to be in a moderate to poor state of health. The crown of the tree had low vigour, and symptoms of the early onset of Nectiria canker. This is a canker that kills the bark, and underlying sap wood of a tree, and then is readily colonised by secondary infections that generally kill the tree. Even if the tree isn't killed, growth will be restricted due to the loss of vascular channels into the crown of the tree.
9. It was also noted that the adjacent driveway has been lifted by a root originating from this tree. Whilst the damage is unlikely to get significantly worse, due to the pending poor health of the tree, the driveway cannot be repaired until the root is removed.

10. Due to the onset of the canker and the damage that is being caused by the tree it is considered that it would be reasonable to fell the tree and replace it with in a location further away from the driveway, so as to reduce the potential for future damage to the driveway.

## **CONCLUSION**

11. The Mountain ash tree subject to this application provides a moderate to low amount of amenity to the surrounding area. The tree has signs of Nectiria canker that is likely to result in the death of the tree in the foreseeable future. The tree is also causing damage to the adjacent driveway.
12. Due to the poor condition of the tree and the damage that it has caused, it is considered appropriate to remove the tree and replace it in a more suitable location.

## **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 3998:1989 'Recommendations for Treework'.
2. The works hereby approved shall be carried out within 12 months of the date of this decision.
3. 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 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.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description.</u>	<u>Location.</u>
T1	Oak	Kingfisher Country Club, Kidderminster Road, Wall Heath.
T2	Cherry	32, Meadfoot Drive, Wall Heath.
T3	Cherry	24, Meadfoot Drive, Wall Heath.
T4	Acer spp	16, Meadfoot Drive, Wall Heath.
T5	Cherry	15, Meadfoot Drive, Wall Heath.
T6	Cherry	4, Meadfoot Drive, Wall Heath.
T7	Willow	13, Meadfoot Drive, Wall Heath.
T8	Pine	1, Meadfoot Drive, Wall Heath.
T9	Birch	1, Meadfoot Drive, Wall Heath.
T10	Birch	1, Meadfoot Drive, Wall Heath.
T11	Cherry	4, Mancroft Close, Wall Heath.
T12	Cedar	4, Mancroft Close, Wall Heath.
T13	Acer spp	4, Mancroft Close, Wall Heath.
T14	False Acacia	4, Mancroft Close, Wall Heath.
T15	Cherry	58, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T16	Pine	58, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T17	Mountain Ash	54, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T18	Beech	52, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T19	Cherry	54, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T20	Horse chestnut	46, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T21	Oak	44, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T22	Oak	44, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T23	Beech	42, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T24	Sycamore	42, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T25	Purple Plum	7, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T26	Cherry	5, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T27	Sycamore	34, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T28	Beech	34, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T29	Pine	32, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
T30	Cherry	1, Milcote Way, Wall Heath.
T31	Mountain Ash	5, Milcote Way, Wall Heath.

Groups

G1	4 Oak Trees	Kingfisher Country Club, Kidderminster Road, Wall Heath.
G2	3 Cypresses	26, Meadfoot Drive, Wall Heath.
G3	3 Birch, 1 Pine, 1 Cedar	1, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
G4	4 Cherries	1, Maidendale Road, Wall Heath.
G5	1 Cedar, 1 Ash, 1 Cherry	17, Milcote Way, Wall Heath.