

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P09/0269

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	KINGSWINFORD SOUTH
Applicant	Mr Philip Bannister
Location:	2, SANDMEADOW PLACE, KINGSWINFORD, DY6 9RF
Proposal	FELL 3NO. SYCAMORE TREES
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D377 (1992) – W1

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The trees subject to this application are three early mature sycamore trees. The trees are situated in the rear garden of 2 Sandmeadow place and are visible from sand meadow place over the roof of the bungalow and from Ridge Road over the rear garden of 1 Sandmeadow Place.
2. The trees subject to this application are remnants of the wooded area that covered this site prior to the infilling of the abandoned sand pit, and the development of the residential bungalows.

PROPOSAL

3. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
 - Fell 3 Sycamore trees.
4. The trees have been marked on the attached plan.

HISTORY

5. There have been no previous Tree Preservation Order applications on this site.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. No public representations have been received.

ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

Criteria	Trees 1	Tree 2	Tree 3
TPO No	W1	W1	W1
Species	Sycamore	Sycamore	Sycamore
Height	10m	9m	11m
Spread	2.5m	2m	3m
Diameter	200mm	150mm	200mm
Form	Poor	Poor	Poor
Vigour	Poor	Poor	Poor
Approx Age	Early Mature	Early Mature	Early Mature
Pests / Diseases	None evident.	None Evident	None Evident
Canopy	Poor	Poor	Poor
% Deadwood	50%	10%	5%
Cavities	None Evident	None evident	None Evident
Bark	Poor	Poor	Poor
Roots	Good	Good	Good
Overall Health	Poor	Poor	Poor
Visibility	Moderate / Low	Moderate / Low	Moderate / Low
Amenity Value	Low	Low	Low

Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to fell these trees as they consider them to be poor specimens. The applicant has also stated that he wishes to replace them with silver birch trees.
8. On inspection the trees were found to be in a poor state of health, with various defects. All of the trees have dead patches of bark, low vigour and slender stems; this is a result of the trees having grown up in a woodland situation prior to the development of the bungalows.
9. The top 50% of Tree 1 is now completely dead and the rest of the tree is likely to follow in the relatively near future. As such the removal of this tree is considered appropriate.
10. Trees 2 and 3, whilst not in any evident state of decline they have little vigour and a poor form. Whilst they may survive for a number of years they will only ever have

poor form, and due to their lack of vigour will always be susceptible to fungal infection.

11. It is considered that the amenity of the area will be improved in the long term if the trees are removed and replaced with specimens that will have a better form and visual appearance. It is suggested that only two trees are replaced as there is currently already a small silver birch and medium sized hawthorn in the garden. The planting of more than two trees is likely to cause problems with over crowding which in time will be to the detriment of the form and health of the trees.

CONCLUSION

12. This application proposes to fell 3 early mature sycamore trees. On inspection the trees were all found to be poor specimens, with various defects.
13. It is considered that the amenity of the area would be best served by the removal and replacement of the trees. Due to existing trees in the garden it is recommended that only two replacement trees are required, in order to prevent future problems with overcrowding.

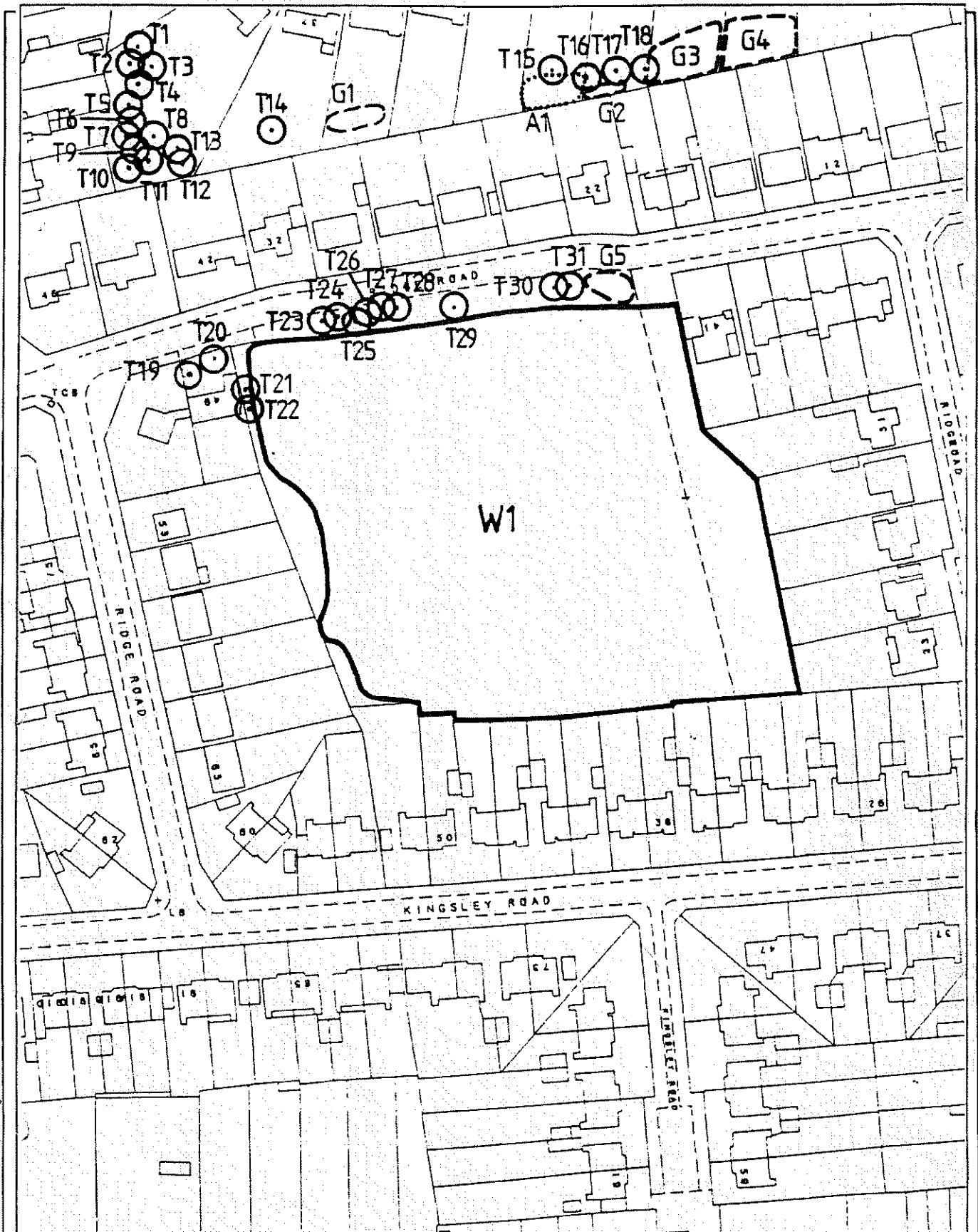
RECOMMENDATION

14. 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. Two 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.
3. The works hereby approved shall be carried out within 12 months of the date of this decision.





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MAPPING IS BASED UPON
THE ORDNANCE SURVEY
MAP WITH THE SANCTION
OF THE CONTROLLER OF
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*Map referred to in
the Borough Council of Dudley*
**Ridge Road,
Kingswinford. No 2 (D377)**

Tree Preservation Order 1992

grid ref:	881 881
scale:	1:1250
drwg no.:	A:2113(A)

Groups

G1	3 Pines	35 Summercourt Square, Kingswinford
G2	2 Sycamores	27 Summercourt Square, Kingswinford
G3	3 Pines, 2 Sycamore, 1 Lime	25 Summercourt Square, Kingswinford
G4	1 Beech, 1 Oak, 1 Lime, 2 Sycamores	23 Summercourt Square, Kingswinford
G5	7 Sycamores	Woodland between 41, 49, Ridge Road, Kingswinford

Woodland

W1	Mixed Hardwood and Conifers	Woodland between 41, 49, Ridge Road, Kingswinford
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Area

A1	Several trees of whatever species within the area marked A1 on the map	29 Summercourt Square
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