

# PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P13/0168

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	Sedgley
Applicant	Miss C. Dugmore
Location:	<b>16, ROWAN ROAD, SEDGLEY, DUDLEY, DY3 1LG</b>
Proposal	<b>FELL 1 ROWAN TREE</b>
Recommendation Summary:	<b>APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>

## SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The tree subject to this application is a rowan tree that is located in the front garden of 16 Rowan Road. The tree is one of a number of rowan trees in the front gardens of the properties on this estate. It is considered that the tree provides a low amount of amenity to the surrounding area due to its impaired condition.
2. The tree is designated a Tree 32 of TPO 726 that was served in 2002.

## PROPOSAL

3. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
  - Fell 1 Rowan Tree.
4. The tree has been marked on the attached plan.

## HISTORY

5. There have been no previous tree preservation order applications on the site.

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. No public representations had been received at the time of writing the report.

## ASSESSMENT

### Tree(s) Appraisal

<i>Tree Structure</i>	<b>Tree 1</b>
Species	Rowan
Height (m)	5
Spread (m)	3
DBH (mm)	200
Canopy Architecture	Moderate
Overall Form	Moderate
Age Class <i>Yng / EM / M / OM / V</i>	Mature

#### *Structural*

#### *Assessment*

Trunk / Root Collar	Moderate - dead, spongy bark in places
Scaffold Limbs	Good
Secondary Branches	Good

% Deadwood	10%	
Root Defects	None Evident	
Root Disturbance	None Evident	
Other		
Failure Foreseeable Imm / Likely / Possible / No	Whole No	Whole Possible

*Vigour Assessment*

Vascular Defects	Distinct lack of vigour and significant deadwood
Foliage Defects	None Evident
Leaf Size	Not In Leaf
Foliage Density	Not In Leaf
Other	

*Overall*

*Assessment*

Structure	Moderate
Vigour	Moderate / Poor
<b>Overall Health</b>	<b>Moderate / Poor</b>

**Other Issues**

Light Obstruction	No
Physical Damage	None Evident
Surface Disruption	None Evident
Debris	Yes

**Amenity**

**Assessment**

Visible	Yes
Prominence	High

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

### Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to fell the tree due to concerns about its safety; the presence of roots under the driveway and due to the seasonal debris that falls from the tree onto the applicant's car.
8. On inspection the tree was found to be in a relatively poor condition. There was a lack of vigour in the crown, significant deadwood and a relatively large patch of dead, spongy bark on the main stem. It is considered that the tree has become infected with bacterial canker, which is disrupting the nutrient flow from the roots to the crown.
9. Rowan trees are frequently subject to bacterial canker, and once infected their chance of survival is relatively limited, and they often decline rapidly. As such it is considered that the tree in question has a limited life expectancy, and its removal on the grounds of its health is appropriate.
10. With regards to the applicant's issues to do with root presence under the driveway and the seasonal debris, it is not considered that either of these issues would normally be of sufficient consequence to warrant the felling of the tree. However given the condition of the tree, it is considered that its removal is reasonable.
11. As the tree is part of a wider feature of rowan trees in the area, it is considered that it would be appropriate to require a replacement tree of a rowan variety to be planted in the front garden.

12. Overall it is recommended that the application to fell the tree is approved.

## CONCLUSION

13. The rowan tree subject to this application is in a relatively poor condition having been infected with bacterial canker. The infection has already manifested itself in the form of dead bark patches, limited vigour and significant deadwood. Overall it is considered that this tree will rapidly decline. As such it is considered that the removal of the tree is justified on the grounds of its condition.
14. Whilst there will be some impact on the amenity of the area as a result of the removal of the tree it is considered that this can be readily mitigated against by the planting of a new tree.

## RECOMMENDATION

15. It is recommended that application is approved subject to the stated conditions.

### Reason for Approval

The rowan tree, by virtue of its impaired condition, provides a low amount of public amenity to the local area. Given that the tree is likely to enter into a rapid decline in health it is not considered that there can be any reasonable objection to the removal of the tree.

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. 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 tree shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning authority prior to the felling of the trees to which this application relates.



BATH STREET

ROWAN ROAD

BIRCH ROAD

ROWAN ROAD

ROWAN ROAD

GORGE ROAD

EDEN GARDENS

Allotment Gardens

217.3m

207.0m

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