

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P08/0271

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	PEDMORE & STOURBRIDGE EAST
Applicant	Mr Grant Bird
Location:	6, PARISH GARDENS, PEDMORE, STOURBRIDGE, DY9 0DS
Proposal	FELL ONE BLUE CEDAR TREE
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D 500 (1996) – T1

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The tree subject to this application is an early mature cedar tree that is located in the rear garden of 6 Parish Garden, Pedmore. The tree is only publicly visible from within the small cul-de-sac of Parish Gardens, and this view is only partial, due to screening of the tree by surrounding properties. As such the tree 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 Cedar 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

6.

Criteria	Tree 1
TPO No	T1
Species	Cedar
Height	10m
Spread	7m
Diameter	450mm
Form	Moderate / Good
Vigour	Good
Approx Age	Early Mature
Pests / Diseases	None Evident
Canopy	Moderate / Good
% Deadwood	1%
Cavities	None Evident
Bark	Good
Roots	Moderate – close to property
Overall Health	Good
Visibility	Moderate / Low
Amenity Value	Moderate / Low

Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to fell this tree due to the amount of light that it obstructs from their property.
8. On inspection the tree was found to be in a good state of health with no major defects present. The tree only has a limited amount of amenity due to its location and the screening provides by the surrounding properties.
9. During the inspection it was noted that the tree is situated due north of the property, and whilst it will not block any significant direct sunlight from the windows on the rear of the property it is felt that a substantial amount of day light will be obstructed from the property.
10. Also during the inspection it was noted that the tree has a severe overbearing impact on the house, and will be unable to grow to any where nearing its full extent due to the proximity of the tree to the building.

11. Whilst approval for the felling of a protected tree would not normally be granted on the grounds of light obstruction, due to the limited amenity value of this tree, the overbearing nature of the tree and the future problems that will arise due to the growth of the tree, it is considered that in this case the removal of the tree and its replacement with a more appropriate specimen is justified and appropriate.
12. The removal of this tree will have a slightly detrimental impact on the amenity of the area, it is considered that this is justified with a view to the disadvantages of retaining the tree.

CONCLUSION

13. The cedar tree subject to this application is an early mature specimen that is located in the rear garden of 6 Parish Gardens. Due to its location and the screening provided by other properties the tree only provides a moderate to low amount of amenity to the surrounding area.
14. The applicant has proposed to fell the tree due to the amount of light obstruction that the tree is causing. The tree is due north of the building and therefore will not obstruct any amount of direct sunlight. However due to its proximity to the windows it will obstruct a substantial amount of daylight from the property. Also the proximity of the property is likely to cause problems with the future growth of the tree.
15. Whilst approval for the felling of a protected tree would not normally be granted on the grounds of light obstruction, due to the limited amenity value of this tree, the overbearing nature of the tree and the future problems that will arise due to the growth of the tree, it is considered that in this case the removal of the tree and its replacement with a more appropriate specimen is justified and appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

16. 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

Trees Specified Individually

<u>No. on Map</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
T1	Blue Cedar	6 Parish Gardens Stourbridge
T2	Silver Birch	Adj. 4 Parish Gardens Stourbridge
T3	Cherry	4 Parish Gardens Stourbridge
T4	Silver Birch	" " " "
T5	Maple	" " " "
T6	Cherry	" " " "
T7	Holly	" " " "
T8	Silver Birch	" " " "
T9	Silver Birch	3 Parish Gardens Stourbridge
T10	Goat Willow	" " " "
T11	Silver Birch	" " " "
T13	Hawthorn	4 Parish Gardens Stourbridge
T14	Walnut	" " " "
T15	Silver Birch	2 Parish Gardens Stourbridge

Areas of Trees

None

Groups of Trees

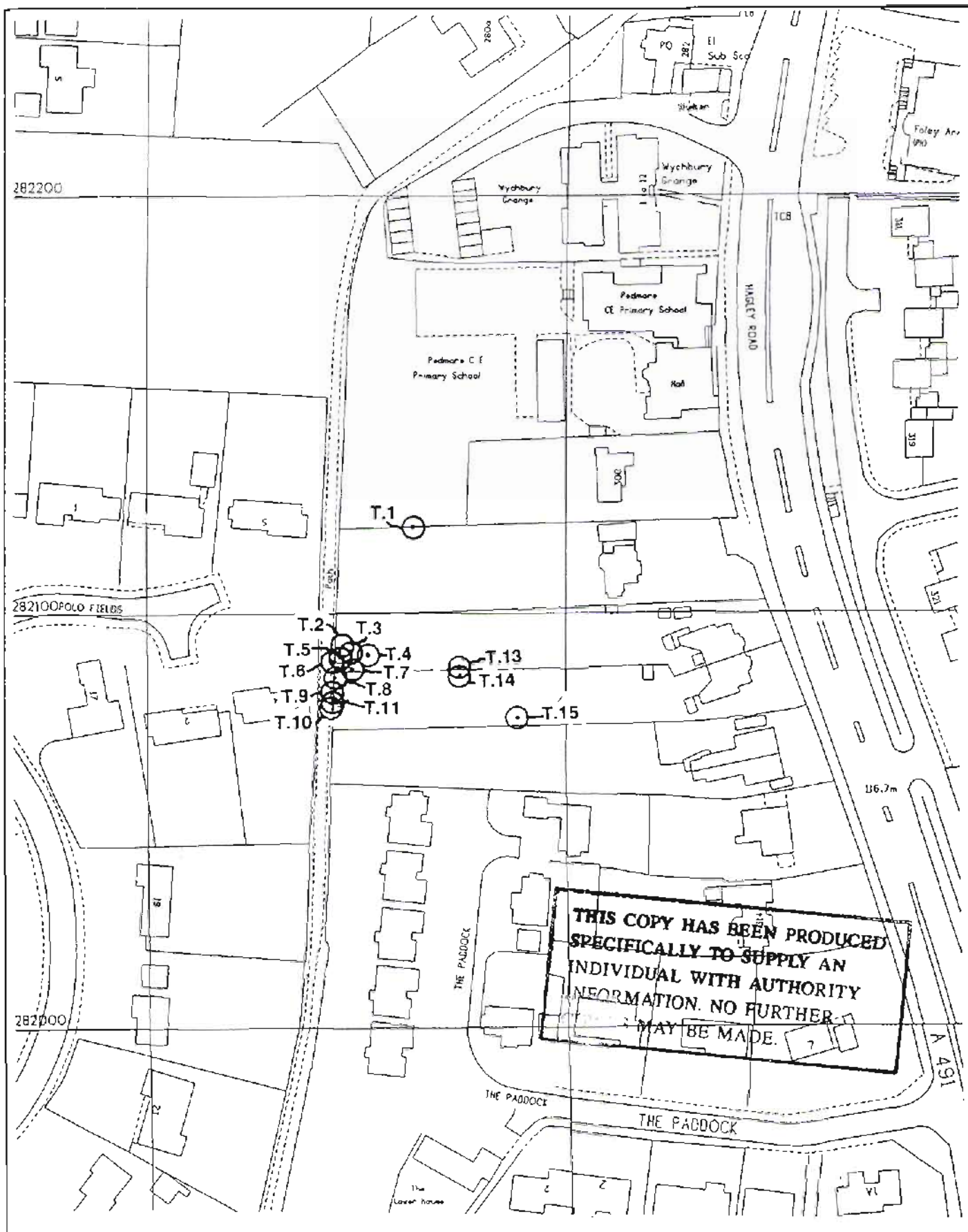
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Woodlands

None

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MAPPING IS BASED UPON
THE ORDNANCE SURVEY
MAP WITH THE SANCTION
OF THE CONTROLLER OF
H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE.
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Map referred to in
the Borough Council of Dudley
**Hagley Road, Pedmore,
Stourbridge (D500)**

Tree Preservation Order 1996

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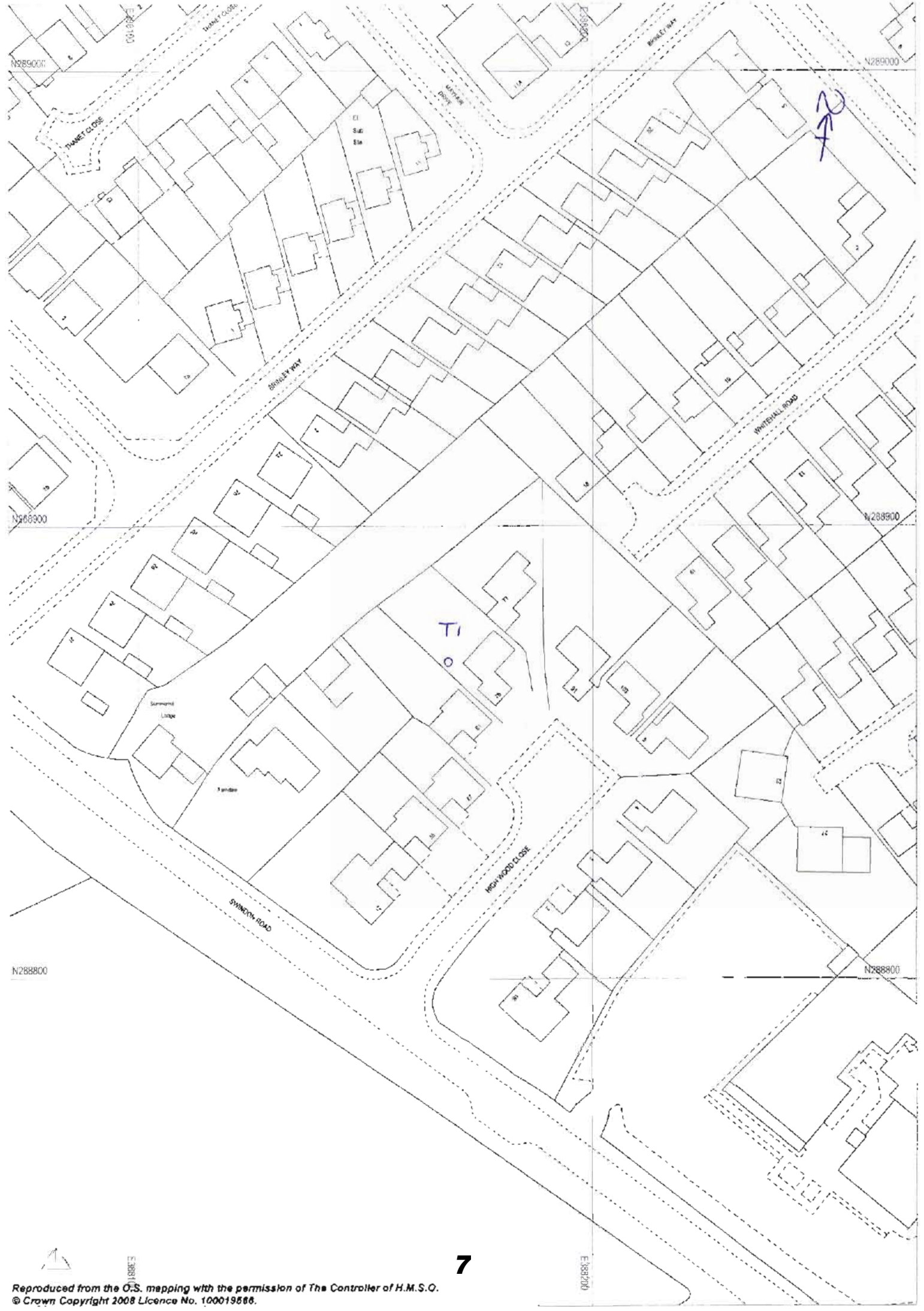
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