

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P10/0241

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	PEDMORE & STOURBRIDGE EAST
Applicant	Mr Ian Macdonald
Location:	44, REDLAKE DRIVE, PEDMORE, STOURBRIDGE, DY9 0RX
Proposal	TO FELL 3 NO.SILVER BIRCH TREES AND PRUNE 2 NO.SILVER BIRCH TREES
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER No: D657 (2001) T101-T104 & T113

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The trees subject to this application are 5 silver birch trees. Four of them are situated in a group in the rear garden of 44 Redlake Drive and the remaining tree is located adjacent to the driveway of 44 Redlake Drive. There are seventeen protected within this property many of which are silver birch. Individually the trees are considered to have moderate to low amenity value, however collectively the trees provide more to the area and the group of trees is considered to provide a high amount of amenity. As such any approved works should not diminish the impact of the group as a whole.

PROPOSAL

2. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
 - Fell 3 Silver birch trees and prune 2 silver birch trees.
3. The trees have 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.

<i>Tree Structure</i>	Tree 1	Tree 2	Tree 3	Tree 4	Tree 5
TPO No	T102	T103	T101	T104	T113
Species	Silver Birch	Silver Birch	Silver Birch	Silver Birch	Silver Birch
Height (m)	9	9	12	12	7
Spread (m)	5	5	7	7	4
DBH (mm)	250	250	300	350	150
Canopy Architecture	Moderate Suppressed	Moderate Suppressed	Good	Good	Good
Overall Form	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Age Class <i>Yng / EM / M / OM / V</i>	Mature	Mature	Mature	Mature	Early Mature

Structural Assessment

Trunk / Root Collar	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Scaffold Limbs	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Secondary Branches	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
% Deadwood	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Root Defects	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident
Root Disturbance	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident
Other					
Failure Foreseeable <i>Imm / Likely / Possible / No</i>	Whole No	Whole No	Whole No	Whole No	Whole No

Vigour Assessment

Vascular Defects	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident
Foliage Defects	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident
Leaf Size	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf
Foliage Density	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf	Not In Leaf
Other					

Overall Assessment

Structure	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
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Vigour	Moderate - Suppressed	Moderate - Suppressed	Good	Good	Good
Overall Health	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good

Other Issues

Light Obstruction	Some	Some	Some	Some	Slight
Physical Damage	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident
Surface Disruption	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident	Lifting block paving
Debris	Slight	Slight	Slight	Slight	Slight

Amenity

Assessment

Visible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prominence	Moderate / Low	Moderate / Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Part of Wider Feature?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Characteristic of Area	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Amenity Value	Moderate / Low	Moderate / Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate / Low

Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to fell three birch trees (T1, T2 & T5), and prune two birch trees (T3 & T4).
8. Trees 1, 2, 3 & 4 are situated in a group in the rear garden. The trees are growing in close proximity, and trees 1 and 2 are being suppressed by trees 3 and 4. The applicant has proposed removing the worse trees of this group in order to allow more light to the bottom of his garden.
9. Whilst the trees are not considered to obstruct an unreasonable amount of light from the garden, it is considered that due to their suppressed form and their relative lack of public prominence, their removal would have no detrimental impact on the amenity of the area, would serve to resolve the applicant's issues with the trees and allow trees 3 and 4 to continue growing without interference. As such it is recommended that these trees are approved for removal.
10. The applicant has also proposed to prune trees 3 and 4 to reduce their shading of this area of the garden. On inspection it was considered that a crown lift to 4 metres and a crown thin of 15% could be undertaken without any detrimental impact on the

amenity of health of the trees. As such it is recommended that these works are approved.

11. The proposal to fell Tree 5 has been made on the grounds that the roots of the tree are damaging the block paved driveway and have ingressed into the drains of the property. Whilst no evidence has been submitted to show the root ingress into the drain, there is evident damage on the driveway that has been caused by this tree. Whilst driveway damage should not automatically mean that trees should be felled, it is considered that due to the presence of other trees in close proximity to tree 5 it could be removed without any undue impact on the amenity of the area. As such it is considered reasonable that this tree should be removed.
12. Overall the proposed works are considered to be justified and subject to the amending of the works specification for trees 3 and 4 the application should be approved.

CONCLUSION

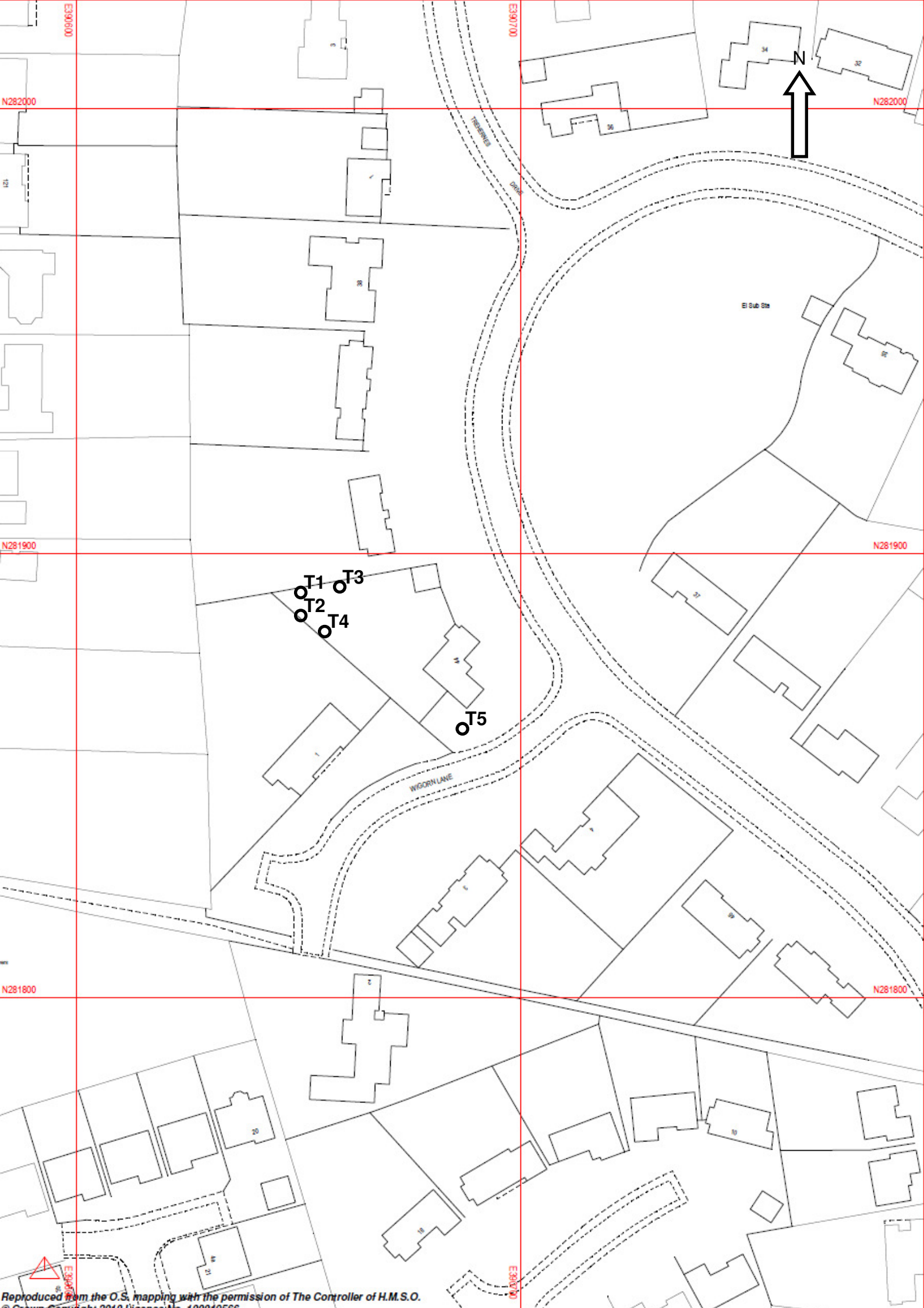
13. The applicant has proposed to fell three birch trees and prune a further 2 birch trees. Four of the trees form a group in the rear garden, and collectively they serve to obstruct light from the bottom of the garden. As such the applicant has proposed to fell the two poorer trees of the group and to prune the remaining two.
14. On inspection it was considered that the proposal was acceptable as the felling and careful pruning of the trees would have little impact on the amenity of the area.
15. The other tree to be felled is causing damage to the driveway of the property. As this tree is situated in close proximity to other trees its removal would have little impact on the amenity of the area and as such it is recommended that the tree is felled to prevent further damage.

RECOMMENDATION

16. It is recommended that the application is approved subject to the conditions set out below:

Conditions and/or reasons:

1. Notwithstanding any of the details on the submitted application forms, the works hereby approved are as follows: -
Schedule:
T1– Birch – Fell
T2 – Birch – Fell
T3 – Birch – Crown lift by no more than 4 metres and crown thin by no more than 15%. All works are to leave a healthy and well balanced crown.
T4 – Birch – Crown lift by no more than 4 metres and crown thin by no more than 15%. All works are to leave a healthy and well balanced crown.
T5 – Birch - Fell
2. The tree works subject of this consent shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard BS 3998:1989 'Recommendations for Treework'.
3. The works hereby approved shall be carried out within 12 months of the date of this decision.



T1
T2
T3
T4
T5

WIGORN LANE

El Sub St



T1
T2
T3
T4
T5

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SCHEDULE 1

SPECIFICATION OF TREES

Reference on Map Description Situation

Trees specified individually

(Circled in black on the plan)

T1	Beech	7a Redlake Road, Pedmore
T2	Beech	7a Redlake Road, Pedmore
T3	Hawthorn	7a Redlake Road, Pedmore
T4	Lime	2 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T5	Beech	4 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T6	Birch	4 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T7	Yew	6 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T8	Sycamore	6 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T9	Acer	6 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T10	Birch	6 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T11	Birch	6 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T12	Birch	6 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T13	Birch	6 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T14	Yew	6 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T15	Scots Pine	3 Polo Fields, Pedmore
T16	Pine	4 Polo Fields, Pedmore
T17	Pine	4 Polo Fields, Pedmore
T18	Cherry	4 Polo Fields, Pedmore
T19	Cherry	2 Polo Fields, Pedmore
T20	Sycamore	17 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T21	Beech	17 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T22	Beech	17 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T23	Cedar	14/16 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T24	Yew	20 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T25	Yew	20 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T26	Birch	22 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T27	Birch	22 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T28	Birch	22 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T29	Birch	22 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T30	Birch	22 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T31	Birch	22 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T32	Birch	24 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T33	Birch	24 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T34	Willow	26 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T35	Beech	21 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T36	Beech	23 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T37	Pine	23 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T38	Beech	23 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T39	Beech	25 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T40	Birch	28 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T41	Birch	28 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T42	Birch	28 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T43	Holly	29 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T44	Birch	31 Redlake Drive, Pedmore

T45	Pine	33 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T46	Birch	33 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T47	Scots Pine	35 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T48	Pine	30 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T49	Beech	30 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T50	Birch	34 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T51	Cedar	34 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T52	Beech	34 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T53	Pine	36 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T54	Acer	36 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T55	Ash	36 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T56	Birch	36 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T57	Birch	36 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T58	Acer	36 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T59	Beech	36 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T60	Pine	36 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T61	Yew	2 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T62	Cedar	2 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T63	Birch	4 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T64	Birch	4 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T65	Birch	4 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T66	Acer	4 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T67	Pine	4 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T68	Lime	6 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T69	Birch	6 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T70	Birch	6 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T71	Birch	6 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T72	Pine	6 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T73	Pine	10 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T74	Cedar	10 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T75	Acer	17 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T76	Birch	17 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T77	Birch	17 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T78	Beech	17 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T79	Cherry	15 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T80	Willow	7 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T81	Pine	7 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T82	Birch	5 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T83	Birch	5 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T84	Acer	5 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T85	Willow	117 Worcester Lane, Pedmore
T86	Acer	3 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T87	Acer	3 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T88	Acer	3 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T89	Ash	1 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore
T90	Pine	38 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T91	Beech	38 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T92	Cedar	40 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T93	Cedar	40 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T94	Cedar	40 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T95	Holly	42 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T96	Cedar	42 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T97	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T98	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore

T99	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T100	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T101	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T102	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T103	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T104	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T105	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T106	Beech	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T107	Beech	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T108	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T109	Acer	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T110	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T111	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T112	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T113	Birch	44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T114	Birch	1 Wigorn Lane, Pedmore
T115	Birch	1 Wigorn Lane, Pedmore
T116	Birch	1 Wigorn Lane, Pedmore
T117	Birch	1 Wigorn Lane, Pedmore
T118	Pine	37 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T119	Scots Pine	35 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T120	Birch	37 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T121	Birch	37 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T122	Birch	39 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T123	Sycamore	39 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T124	Sycamore	39 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T125	Pine	41 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T126	Birch	46 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T127	Pine	46 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T128	Pine	46 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T129	Cedar	48 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T130	Pine	43 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T131	Birch	43 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T132	Birch	43 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T133	Birch	43 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T134	Birch	10 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T135	Birch	8 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T136	Birch	8 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T137	Birch	8 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T138	Birch	5 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T139	Birch	5 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T140	Acer	4 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T141	Pine	1 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T142	Birch	1 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T143	Scots Pine	1 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T144	Willow	48 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T145	Oak	52 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T146	Cedar	49 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T147	Acer	52 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T148	Birch	52 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T149	Birch	52 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T150	Beech	54 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T151	Cedar	54 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T152	Birch	57 Redlake Drive, Pedmore

T153	Acer	58 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T154	Pine	58 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T155	Cedar	58 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T157	Holly	2 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T158	Birch	4 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T159	Hornbeam	4 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T160	Acer	4 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T161	Acer	4 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T162	Oak	4 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T163	Pine	6 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T164	Birch	6 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T165	Sycamore	8 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T166	Birch	12 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T167	Birch	2 Wigorn Lane, Pedmore
T168	Acer	2 Wigorn Lane, Pedmore
T169	Oak	18 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T170	Birch	18 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T171	Birch	18 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T172	Eucalyptus	18 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T173	Pine	3 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T174	Birch	1 Iron Bridge Walk, Pedmore
T175	Acer	63 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T176	Cedar	67 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T177	Pine	1 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T178	Pine	3 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T179	Hornbeam	6 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T180	Pine	5 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T181	Whitebeam	15 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T182	Cherry	16 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T183	Pine	22 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T184	Pine	24 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T185	Acer	30 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T186	Birch	49 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T187	Birch	47 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T188	Pine	45 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T189	Birch	43 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T190	Whitebeam	39 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T191	Ash	39 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T192	Cherry	31 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T193	Whitebeam	29 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T194	Birch	27 Stuarts Green, Pedmore
T195	Cherry	73 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T196	Pine	75 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T197	Cedar	74 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T198	Birch	76 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T199	Pine	77 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T200	Acer	The Shellings, Worcester Lane, Pedmore
T201	Acer	The Shellings, Worcester Lane, Pedmore
T202	Acer	The Shellings, Worcester Lane, Pedmore
T203	Birch	The Shellings, Worcester Lane, Pedmore

T204	Birch	The Shellings, Worcester Lane, Pedmore
T205	Cedar	The Shellings, Worcester Lane, Pedmore
T206	Birch	9 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T207	Beech	7 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T208	Pine	5 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
T209	Beech	83 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
T210	Beech	32 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T211	Beech	32 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T212	Pine	30 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T213	Cedar	30 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T214	Robinia	30 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T215	Beech	30 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T216	Beech	30 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T217	Beech	30 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T218	Beech	30 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T219	Beech	28 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T220	Cedar	24 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T221	Robinia	24 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T222	Acer	24 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T223	Acer	22 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T224	Acer	22 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T225	Hawthorn	20 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T226	Cherry	22 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T227	Hazel	22 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T228	Cherry	22 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T229	Oak	16 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T230	Oak	16 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T231	Lime	The Lodge, Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T232	Monkey Puzzle	Land west of 10-6, Bromwich Lane, Pedmore
T233	Beech	The Lodge, Bromwich Lane, Pedmore

Groups of trees

(Within the broken black line on the plan)

G1	Group of Beech trees	20 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
G2	Group of 4 Birches	36 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
G3	Group of Beech trees	37 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
G4	Group of Beech trees	9 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
G5	Group of Beech trees	3 Roberts Lane, Pedmore
G6	Group of Beech trees	47 Redlake Drive, Pedmore

G7	Group of Beech trees	52 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
G8	Group of Beech trees	75 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
G9	Group of Beech trees	83 Redlake Drive, Pedmore
G10	Group of 6 Lime trees	30 Bromwich Lane, Pedmore

Trees specified by reference to an area

None

Woodlands

None