

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREES) REGULATIONS 1999

SUMMARY

This report seeks to confirm the Tree Preservation Order placed on the tree specified in this report.

REPORT

The trees are located at: 29 Ridge Road N4

Species: T1: Pear, T2: Pear

Location: Rear Garden

Condition: Good

The Council's Arboriculturalist has reported as follows:

A Tree Preservation Order should be attached on the following grounds:

1. The trees are of high amenity value, being visible from a public place.
2. The trees appear healthy for their age and species, and have a predicted life expectancy in excess of 50 years.
3. The trees are is suitable to their location; significantly contributing to local biodiversity.

3 objection letters were received from 31, 31a and 33 Ridge Road N8 as follows:

- Tree is not maintained, unchecked and densely congested with old wood
- Location of tree is too close to back wall of terraced housing, roots could damage property
- Tree is in back garden and therefore is not of high amenity value

The Council Arboricultural Manager has commented on these objections as follows:

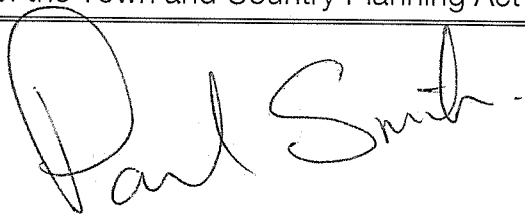
- The trees appear to be in good condition and are healthy for their species and age
- The trees are mature specimens of good form and have been professionally managed on a regular basis in the past
- The trees are clearly visible to local residents and members of the public using Mayfield Road and Inderwick Road

- The trees are of high landscape value and their removal would have a detrimental effect on the character of the local area
- Due to the trees age and size they create an important habitat for a variety of local wildlife, including invertebrates, birds and mammals
- The trees can be managed in future by regular crown reduction and thinning, in order to reduce the risk of damage to nearby buildings and to allow sufficient sunlight to reach the surrounding gardens and living spaces

Taking into accounts the comments of the Arboricultural Manager the Planning Sub-Committee is recommended to confirm the Tree Preservation Order.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Tree Preservation Order upon the aforementioned trees under Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 be confirmed.



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