

**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 tree is located at: 65 Wood Vale N10

Species: T1: Weeping Willow

Location: Rear garden of property

Condition: Good

The Council's Arboriculturalist has reported as follows:

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

1. The tree is of high amenity value being clearly visible from a public place.
2. The tree appears healthy for its species and age and has a predicted life expectancy in excess of 40 years.
3. The tree is suitable to the location, significantly contributing to the character of the local area.
4. Due to the trees age and size it supports a variety of wildlife, which contributes significantly to local bio-diversity.

1 objection letter received from 36 Copthall Drive NW7

- Tree is not of sufficient amenity value, it cannot be seen from the street
- Contribution from the tree to character of local area is not significant
- Whilst tree is large there is no evidence that it contributes significantly to local bio-diversity over and above other trees and foliage in the area.

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

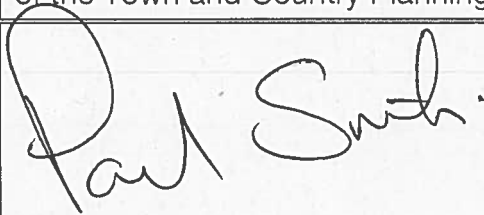
- The tree appears to be in a good condition and healthy for its species and age and has a predicted life expectancy in excess of 50 years.
- The tree is a large mature specimen of good form and is clearly visible to local residents and members of the public from the road, viewed between numbers 63 & 65 Wood Vale.

- The tree is of high landscape value and its removal would have a detrimental effect on the character of the local area.
- The tree is a native species and due to its age and size, creates an important habitat for a variety of local wildlife, including invertebrates, birds and mammals, increasing local bio-diversity
- The tree can be managed in future by regular pollarding or crown reduction, to reduce the risk of damage to nearby buildings and to allow sufficient light to reach the gardens and living spaces of the surrounding properties. Pollarding was last carried out in July 2012.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Paul Smith  
Head Of Development Management