

Delegated Report

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Case Officer **Tamsin Dennis**

14/01279/TPO/

Date received **8 July 2014** Date valid **8 July 2014** Overall Expiry **2 September 2014** Ward **Irthlingborough** Parish **Waterloo**


Applicant **Mr A Massey**

Location **26 Fernmoor Drive Irthlingborough Wellingborough Northamptonshire NN9 5TL**

Proposal **T9 (Sycamore) Reduce the lateral branches on the western side of the canopy by 1m. Raise canopy on the eastern side by 1m.**

1.	Summary of Recommendation	
1.1	That consent is GRANTED for the works as set out in section 8 of this report	
2.	Location details	
2.1	Tree Preservation Order Ref:	TPO 137. T9
	Conservation Area:	None
	Right of way and public access:	None affecting the site, north eastern canopy overhangs shared driveway.
	Views from surrounding viewpoints:	Views from the south when entering Fernmoor Drive and is a dominant street feature.
	Additional location details:	None
3.	Relevant Case History	
3.1	The following tree works history applies	
	<p>EN/07/00223/TPO Application for 20% crown reduction and recuing overhanging branches on the western side of the canopy by 1.5 metres. While permission was granted for certain parts of these requested works in 2007, the crown reduction does not appear to have been undertaken.</p> <p>EN/04/00088/TPO Reduce overhanging limbs by 2 metres and raise crown by 3.5 metres. Approved</p> <p>EN03/01036/TPO Prune to maintain tree and crown reduction (amount not specified) Refused.</p> <p>EN/09/00703/TPO/ Crown reduction to T9 (Sycamore) by 15%</p>	
4.	Consultations and Representations	
4.1	Irthlingborough Town Council – No objection	
5.	Health, form and condition. (noted from visual inspection only)	
5.1	Tree Ref: T9	Species: Sycamore Age class: M
	Basal condition:	Some indication of a slight raise in ground level throughout.
	Trunk condition:	Ivy clad throughout, preventing inspection
	Bowl & central canopy condition:	Twin stemmed from 3m from ground level, Ivy cover preventing full inspection. Limited branching within the central crown area.
	Outer canopy condition:	Full leaf cover, with only minor deadwood throughout.

	Significant crown growth noted since previous crown reduction works in 2009. Noted growth towards the house to the west.
6.	Habitat
6.1	No habitats noted
7.	Evaluation
7.1	The works have been proposed for the following reason(s): The applicant have proposed to fell T9 for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tree has a low amenity value • Is causing excessive shading • And a danger to houses 26 and 27
7.2	At this stage, felling is not considered to be appropriate or necessary, and having inspected the tree with the applicant (and discussed their concerns) they have advised that they wish to have pruning works undertaken rather than felling the tree. Works to reduce the lateral branches of the tree on the western side of the canopy by 1m will prevent shading of the applicant's patio and deck area. The raising of the canopy on the eastern side by 1m will allow more light to reach the garden under the canopy.
7.3	To ensure the pruning works are not to the detriment of the trees, it is proposed to attach a condition granted outlining that works should be carried out in accordance with the current British Standard for tree works and industry best practice.
8.	Recommendation
8.1	That consent is granted for the works subject to the following conditions:
9.	Conditions
1	The tree work hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 2 years from the date of this permission. Reason: Statutory requirement under provision of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Reason: Statutory requirement under provision of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
2.	The tree work hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with best practice as set out in the current British Standard (BS3998: 2010, Recommendations for Tree Work) and the latest recommendations of the Arboricultural Advisory and Information Service. Reason: In the interest of the future well-being of the tree(s) on which work is being carried out.
3.	The works hereby permitted are to consist of the following: T9 (Sycamore) Reduce the lateral braches of the tree on the western side of the canopy by 1m. Raise canopy on the eastern side by 1m. This permission does NOT include the felling of T9 as request by the applicant. The Council consider that these works are not necessary, and would be to the detriment of the setting of the surrounding area. At 26 Fernmoor Drive, Irthlingborough. Reason: To define the permission and in the interests of good arboricultural practice.
10.	Informatives
1.	The applicant is advised that the potential for habitat disturbance (especially protected species of birds and bats) should be investigated before the works are carried out. If bats are encountered during the works, stop immediately and contact either Natural England and / or your local Bat group

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