

Delegated Report

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Case Officer **Tamsin Dennis**

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Date received	Date valid	Overall Expiry	Ward	Parish
9 September 2014	9 September 2014	4 November 2014	Rushden Sartoris	Rushden

Applicant **Alchemy Tree Surgery - Mr George Dowsett**

Location 34 Wymington Park Rushden Northamptonshire NN10 9JP

Proposal **Raise northern side of the crown to 4.5m from ground level. Reduce branch growing towards the south west at 9m from ground level by 1.5m to suitable growth points Reduce branch growing towards the south east at 9m from ground level by 1.5m to suitable growth points Remove branch growing to the south at 9m.**

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 0088. Tree within G4
Conservation Area: None
Right of way and public access: None
Views from surrounding viewpoints: Views of the trees within G4 from Wymington Park to the south. The trees form a visual backdrop to the properties.
Additional location details: T1 forms part of a relatively modest garden area. To the immediate south is the applicant's patio and canopy area. To the east is the garden of a neighbouring property, containing a lawn and a conservatory.

3. Relevant Case History

3.1 None applicable

4. Consultations and Representations

4.1 Rushden Town Council – No objection

5. Health, form and condition. (noted from visual inspection only)

5.1 Tree Ref: T1 Species: Corsican Pine Age class: Mature
Basal condition: Not possible to inspect as forms part of a small raised planting bed.
Trunk condition: Good throughout. Signs of past branch removal to 6m from ground level.
Bowl & central canopy condition: Notably lower canopy in the northern side of the tree, likely to be caused by past crown raising works on the southern side of the trees canopy.
Outer canopy condition: Minor dead branches throughout, with notable "kink" to the south in the upper canopy. Notably larger branches growing to the south.

6. Habitat

6.1 No habitats noted

7. Evaluation

- 7.1 The works have been proposed for the following reason(s):
To reduce the level of debris falling to the south over the applicants property and the neighbouring property to the south east.
- 7.2 The concerns in relation to the falling debris (needles and more notably significant exudation) made by the applicant are noted. During the Council's site visit, significant sticky exudation from the foliage was noted to have heavily affected the patio and conservatory areas of both properties. While shading is noted in the application, the north facing nature of the garden is likely to cause more shading than the presence of the Pine.
- 7.3 The works to the specific branches that emanate from approximately 9m on the southern side of the trunk are considered to be reasonable. These three particular branches significantly overhang the property to the south and are causing the most significant exudation damage. The works proposed will address this matter and are unlikely to cause damage to the tree. The works to raise the canopy overall to 4.5m will likely only affect the northern side of the tree and will aid in balancing the remainder of the tree's structure.
- 7.4 The works may be noticeable once complete, however are not considered to affect the tree's noted amenity value as part of the planted backdrop to the properties off Wymington Park.
- 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 proposed 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:
Raise northern side of the crown to 4.5m from ground level.
Reduce branch growing towards the south west at 9m from ground level by 1.5m to suitable growth points
Reduce branch growing towards the south east at 9m from ground level by 1.5m to suitable growth points
Remove branch growing to the south at 9m.
At 34 Wymington Park, Rushden.
Reason: To define the permission and in the interests of good arboricultural practice.

10. Informatives

