

Section '3' - Applications recommended for PERMISSION, APPROVAL or CONSENT

Application No : 13/00124/TPO

Ward:
Copers Cope

Address : 86 - 90 High Street Beckenham BR3 1ED

OS Grid Ref: E: 537418 N: 169533

Applicant : Mr Ian Cooper

Objections : NO

Description of Development:

Fell 3 sycamores SUBJECT TO TPO 735

Proposal

The proposal is to fell three sycamores at land at the rear of Beckenham High Street where planning permission has recently been allowed on appeal for a residential development of flats. (11/02100) The trees are protected by TPO 735.

Consultations

Nearby owners/occupiers were notified of the application and no representations have been received.

Planning Considerations

This application has been made by the architects acting for the Housing Association who are intending to develop the land where the trees are growing. Planning permission was given on appeal for a development of flats on this area of land at the rear of the High Street. Under the terms of the tree preservation order covering the site a separate consent is not needed to fell trees where that felling is required to enable the planning permission to be implemented. It is understood that building works are due to start on site within the next month. The permitted scheme showed the loss of most of the area of protected trees but did show the retention of three sycamores.

However the architect is now seeking consent for the removal of the three retained trees because they have suffered severe fire damage to their crowns. The trees are about 16 metres in height and are drawn specimens in a poor condition. They are on the eastern edge of the protected area of trees and are visible from the High Street. However individually they are poor specimens with a very limited future and the visual amenities of the area would be better served by allowing the removal of these three trees and planting replacement trees. The planning permission is subject to a landscaping condition and allowance has been made in the submitted

scheme for the planting of 3 replacements for these trees. The proposed felling is reasonable.

Conclusions

The three trees which are the subject of this application have been fire damaged and are in a poor condition. The felling of the trees is acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION: CONSENT GRANTED FOR TREE WORKS

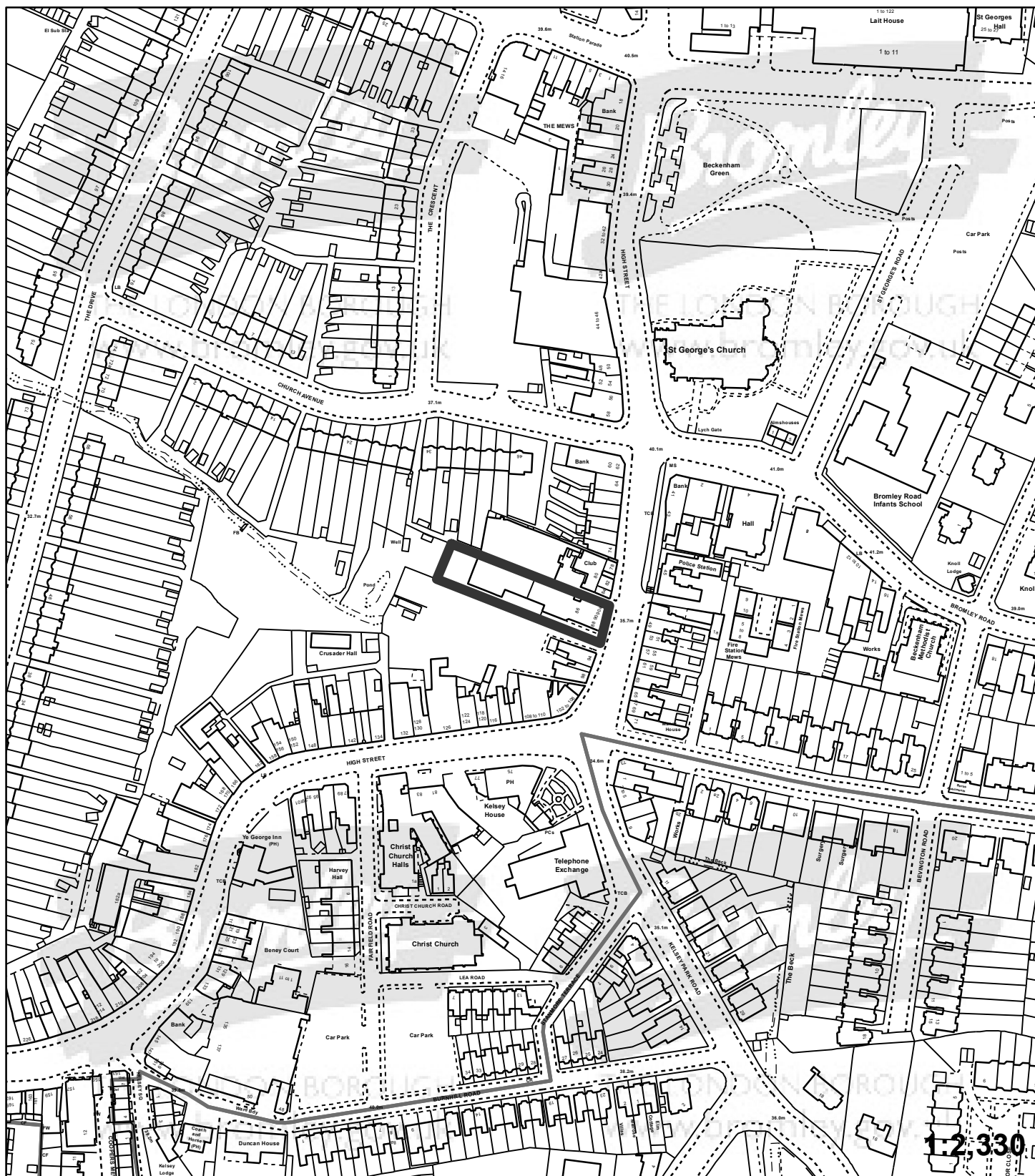
subject to the following conditions:

- 1 ACB09 Tree consent - commencement
 ACB09R Reason B09

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