

Application No : 16/04488/TPO

Ward:
Chislehurst

Applicant : Mrs V Woodmonger

Address : 1 Islehurst Close
Chislehurst BR7 5QU

Proposal:
Bay Tree in side garden - Reduce lateral spread by up to 2m, pruning back to around previous reduction points. Reduce adjacent branches by no more than 4m and reduce height by no more than 3.5m.
SUBJECT TO TPO 9

OS Grid Ref: E: 543481
N: 169563

Neighbour Comment = Yes

Description of Development:

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Consultations

Nearby owners/occupiers were notified of the application and representations were received which can be summarised as follows:

- The Chislehurst Society objects on the basis that no justification has been provided in support of the application.

Considerations

The application site is comprised of a detached dwelling located on the eastern side of Islehurst Close. The property is typical of the cul-de-sac with a rear garden up to 16m in length. Trees are subject to the conservation area legislation and a number have been protected by way of Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

This application has been made in respect of a bay tree situated amongst the tree screening along the northern boundary of the property. The tree is up to 8m in height and is growing beneath a semi-mature oak tree. Foliage would indicate that the tree is of normal vitality.

Application 08/03134/TPO relates to planning permission allowing a 30% reduction to two bay trees.

The works are proposed to re-profile the canopy of the tree.

Conclusion

The tree has developed a rather untidy appearance following past management. The works are considered acceptable and would amount to general maintenance of the

boundary screening. As the trees are not visible from the public realm, the works will not be noticeable.

It is recommended that consent be granted.

In response to the objection received, the re-profiling of the canopy is considered sufficient justification to support works to a protected tree.

DECISION

Consent for:

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CONDITIONS

1. B09 Tree consent – commencement

The tree works hereby granted consent shall be carried out within 2 years of the date of this decision.

REASON: In order to comply with Policy NE8 of the Unitary Development Plan and in the interest of good arboricultural practice and the visual amenities of the area.

2. B07 Tree surgery

The work to the tree(s) hereby granted consent shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 (Recommendations for Tree Work)

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INFORMATIVES

1. You are advised that formal consent is not required for the removal of deadwood, dangerous branches and Ivy from protected trees.