

Application No: 18/04255/TPO

Ward: Chislehurst

Address: 5 Duggan Drive Chislehurst
BR7 5EP

OS Grid: E: 542084

N: 170941

Applicant: Mr M Sanderson

Objections: NO

Description of Development:

T1 Mature Sycamore with large scar on bottom 4m of stem - Fell.

T2 Mid-mature Beech overhanging No. 6 - Remove broken stems from upper crown.

T3 Small dead Chestnut stem - Fell.

T4 Large mature Oak on rear boundary of property - Dismantle.

T5 Ash with major wound - Fell.

SUBJECT TO TPO 467A

Proposal

The above Tree Preservation Order (TPO) protects trees that existed in 1989. The application has been made in respect a sycamore, beech, chestnut, oak and ash tree situated at the back of the property, near the western boundary.

Location

The application site is comprised of a detached dwelling located towards the end of the cul-de-sac.

Consultations

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

Considerations

The application is to be determined at committee as a member of staff is related to the application.

The officer visited the site and inspected each tree subject of the application. The ash tree (T5) was added to the list of proposals based on the poor condition observed.

The trees are not visible from the public domain. Each tree has a defect that has resulted in the need to fell the trees as a course of management. Each tree is suffering from decay and extending wounds. The oak tree (T5) was found to be in a dangerous condition. Site photos are printed to file.

Conclusion

The proposed works are considered justified management due to the predicted retention span being lower than 10 years.

Due to the designation of the TPO as an area, replacement trees would not benefit from continued preservation. Replacement planting is therefore not an obligation as part of this decision.

It is recommended that committee members consent to the application.

RECOMMENDATION: CONSENT

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CONDITIONS

1. TL14 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. ND52 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

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