

**Application No:** 19/01422/TPO

**Ward:** Chislehurst

**Address:** 5 Duggan Drive,  
Chislehurst, BR7 5EP

**OS Grid:** E:542084 N: 17094168341

**Applicant:** Mr Matt Sanderson

**Objections:** No

**Description of Development:**

**T1 Mid-mature Ash with large wound on rear of stem and horizontal splits through exposed heart wood - Fell in sections to near ground level.**

**SUBJECT TO TPO 467A**

**Proposal**

This application arises from a contractor's recommendation based on structural defects observed: "large wound on rear of stem and horizontal splits through exposed heart wood".

**Location**

From the site visit it is noted that the tree subject to this application is located in the rear garden of a detached residential property.

**Consultations**

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

**Considerations**

The tree does not appear to be visible from any publically accessible vantage points. It has moderate landscape value within the rear garden setting without being a prominent feature. In addition, having reasonably good crown form and appearing to be in good physiological health the tree contributes positively to the appearance and character of the area. The tree benefits from the protection of an Area TPO created in 1989 to protect a wooded area covering the ends of several rear gardens in a private close. In light of the above, applications that could affect the overall amenity protected by TPO 467A should be treated with due caution. Given the tree's lack of public visibility, only moderate landscape value and lack of other redeeming features, the impact on the overall amenity protected by TPO 467A would be minimal.

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With regard to the stated defects, their presence and significance were confirmed during the site visit and are sufficient to raise to risk of whole tree failure by some extent.

Given the relatively low value of the tree, the defects present are sufficient to consider that felling is a reasonable response and in line with sound Arboricultural management.

## **Conclusion**

In summary the proposed felling of 1 Ash tree and the resultant low impact upon tree derived amenity in this location has been adequately justified. Therefore the proposal is considered to be acceptable.

## **RECOMMENDATION: CONSENT**

**Subject to the following 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 73 of the Bromley Local 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).**

**Reason: In order to comply with Policies 73 and 74 of the Bromley Local Plan and in the interest of good arboricultural practice and the visual amenities of the area.**

## **INFORMATIVE**

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