



TREE OFFICER REPORT

Tree Works Application – P2026/0398

Address: Land Between 40 And 28 Pen Yr Heol Skewen Neath Port Talbot SA10 6YT

Planning Case Officer : Rhodri Griffiths

Tree Officer: David Rees

Date of report: 14/7/2026

Tree Officer Comments

This application has been submitted by the Council's Tree Services section and relates to trees protected by the Land at Cefn Parc, Skewen Tree Preservation Order 2025 (T344).

The proposed works comprise crown lifting of T16 (*Quercus ilex*) to provide 5.3m clearance above the carriageway and 2.5m above the footway, together with the removal of a single lateral branch from T11 (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) to address interference with the lighting splay of an adjacent street lighting column.

The submitted specification is considered proportionate and relates to the management of the highway environment rather than amenity-driven pruning. The works are intended to maintain clearance above the carriageway and prevent obstruction of road furniture, thereby assisting the Council in meeting its duties as Highway Authority.

Having reviewed the application, no arboricultural objections are raised. Subject to the works being undertaken in accordance with the submitted specification and to current arboricultural best practice, the proposed management is unlikely to result in unacceptable harm to the long-term health, condition or amenity value of the trees.

All works should be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations and limited to the minimum extent necessary to achieve the required highway and infrastructure clearances.



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Tree Officer Recommendations.

No arboricultural objection. Consent recommended.

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All works should be undertaken in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations. Any works not expressly authorised by the decision notice will require a further application. Where active nesting birds or other protected species are identified, works should cease and appropriate ecological advice sought before continuing.