



TREE OFFICER REPORT

Tree Works Application – P2026/0397

Address: Land Between 2 And 4 Derwen Deg Bryncoch Neath Port Talbot SA10 7FP

Planning Case Officer : Rhodri Griffiths

Tree Officer: David Rees

Date of report: 14/7/2026

Tree Officer Comments

The proposal seeks consent to crown lift T1, T2 and T8 (Sessile Oak) to provide 5.5m clearance above the carriageway and 3m clearance above the adjacent footway and has been submitted by the Council's Tree Services section. The proposed works comprise crown lifting, crown reduction and targeted branch removal to maintain statutory highway clearances and to provide appropriate separation from highway infrastructure, including street lighting.

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.