



TREE OFFICER REPORT

Tree Works Application – P2026/0375

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Planning Case Officer : James Hobart

Tree Officer: David Rees

Date of report: 21/7/2025

Tree Officer Comments

The application relates to proposed works to three protected trees located within Area A3 of Tree Preservation Order T208, comprising two Beech trees (T1 and T3) and one Lime tree (T2). The submitted plan identifies the trees subject to the application and their relationship to the adjacent dwelling and garden areas.

The proposed works comprise the reduction of lateral branches by no more than 2 metres from those portions of the crowns overhanging the garden lawn, washing line and dwelling. The extent of pruning proposed is moderate in scale and limited to the affected portions of the crowns.

Having regard to the species, condition and apparent size of the trees, the proposed reductions are considered to fall within the physiological tolerances of the specimens and can be undertaken without significant detriment to their health, structural condition, overall form or long-term amenity contribution. The works represent routine management pruning and do not constitute a level of intervention likely to materially alter the overall form or character of the trees.

The trees make a positive contribution to local amenity and the wider landscape character of the area. However, given the modest extent of the proposed reductions, the works are not considered likely to result in any significant loss of public amenity value or diminish the trees' contribution to the wider area. The proposals are considered proportionate to the stated reasons for the application and facilitate the continued retention of the trees.



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Tree Officer Recommendations.

Having regard to the above assessment, the following recommendation is made: Consent

The proposed lateral reductions are moderate in scale, proportionate to the issues identified by the applicant and unlikely to result in significant harm to the health, structure or amenity value of the protected trees. Subject to appropriate specification and implementation in accordance with recognised arboricultural standards, the proposals are considered acceptable.

Conditions

All works shall be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations. Pruning shall be undertaken using natural target pruning techniques with cuts made to appropriate growth points and in a manner that retains the natural form and structure of the trees.

The approved works shall be limited to the reduction of lateral branches from T1 Beech overhanging the garden lawn and washing line, T2 Lime overhanging the garden lawn, and T3 Beech encroaching upon the dwelling, by no more than 2 metres from their existing extremities as specified within the application.

No works beyond those specified within the application shall be undertaken without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason

To ensure that the proposed works are clearly defined, proportionate, and carried out in accordance with good arboricultural practice, thereby safeguarding the long-term health, structure and amenity value of the protected trees