South Tyneside Council

Reference:	ST/0397/24/TPOW
Location:	Sandfield Downhill Lane West Boldon NE36 0AX
Ward:	Boldon Colliery
Description:	Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). TPO8-T36 - Ulmus procera 'pendula', Weeping English Elm - Reduce crown up to 3m in order to support natural retrenchment and reduce lever arm on branches laterally extending branches. TPO149-T24 - Fraxinus excelsior, Ash - Remove due to late stage ash dieback.
Recommendation:	Grant Permission with Conditions
Case Officer:	Emma Thomas
Case Officer Contact No.:	0191 4247593 or 07741105284

Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team

No objection to the proposed works.

Relevant planning policy

The following policies are relevant to this application:

- LDF Policy DM1
- NPPF Part 15
- NPPG - National Planning Practice Guidance (2021, as updated)

Assessment

Trees and landscaped features make a significant contribution to the character and appearance of the urban area and to nature conservation. Trees in parks and public open spaces, in private gardens and grounds and on streets and highways are all significant in this respect. Many of the important groups of trees are protected by tree preservation orders (TPOs).

LDF Policy DM1 seeks to protect existing soft landscaping, including trees and hedges, where possible or provides replacement planting where necessary.

It is therefore considered that the main issues in this instance relate to whether there is sufficient justification for the proposed works to the protected trees. Having regard for the Tree Team's comments, in this case, subject to conditions, there are no objections to the proposals and the works are deemed acceptable in the interests of good arboricultural practice. As a result, the scheme would accord with objectives outlined in relevant planning policies and guidance.

Recommendation

Grant Permission with Conditions

Conditions

1 The tree works to which this consent relates must be completed in full, not later than 2 years from the date of this consent and may not be carried out more than once, unless authorized by a further grant of consent.

Reason: In order that the works remain appropriate and suited to the present form and condition of the tree(s) concerned.

List of plans etc. for standard note on decision

Plan Reference
Tree Condition Report – Received 25/06/2024

Case officer: Emma Thomas
Signed: Emma Thomas
Date: 25/07/2024

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Date: 25/07/2024