South Tyneside Council

Reference:	ST/0594/24/TPOW
Location:	8 Belgrave Gardens South Shields NE34 6AW
Ward:	Harton
Description:	Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). TPO7: 1 x sycamore tree in front garden, crown reduction on west side by up to 1.5m, reduce selected branches north side by up to 2m to balance. Remove epicormic growth from stem.
Recommendation:	Grant Permission with Conditions
Case Officer:	Samantha Gallagher
Case Officer Contact No.:	0191 4247447 or 07741109243

Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team

Allow consent to the amended specification (application form dated 04/11/2024 and received by LPA on 08/11/2024) for pruning works to the Sycamore Tree at the front of 8 Belgrave Gardens.

Relevant planning policy

The following policies are relevant to this application:

- LDF Policy DM1
- NPPF Part 15

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.

The application site relates to No. 8 Belgrave Gardens, South Shields which is a residential property. The Sycamore Tree, T27 (LPA reference on Mapping system layer) is protected by TPO7, which relates to 8 Belgrave Gardens. The tree is within the applicant's ownership located within the front garden and adjacent to a chares pathway and as such a neighbour notification letter has been sent to occupiers of neighbouring properties. No response has been received within the consultation period which expired on the 25/11/2024.

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 work to which this consent relates must be completes in full, no later than 2 years from the date of this consent and may not be carried out more than once, unless authorised by further grant of consent.

In order that the works remain appropriate and suited to the present form and conditions of the trees concerned, in line with LDF Policy DM1 and the NPPF.

2 The tree works are to be compliant with British Standard: 3998 [2010] (tree work - recommendations).

In order to maintain the health and visual amenity of the trees affected, in accordance LDF Policy DM1 and the NPPF.

List of plans etc. for standard note on decision

Plan Reference
Application form (including Site Plan) received 08/11/2024

Case officer: Samantha Gallagher

Signed: S Gallagher

Date: 26/11/2024

Authorised Signatory: Helen Lynch

Date: 27/11/2024