South Tyneside Council

Reference:	ST/0682/24/TPOW
Location:	Sandfield Downhill Lane West Boldon NE36 0AX
Description:	Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) TPO 149, T40 Reduce crown extending over road by 2m - justification, reduce risk
Recommendation:	Grant Permission with Conditions
Case Officer:	Casey Scott
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Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team

No issues with proposal, notes that there is no TPO on T65.

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 is the property Sandfield, which is located on Downhill Lane in West Boldon. The application seeks permission for a crown reduction to T40 by 2 meters over the road to reduce the risk of the tree. The original submission of the application sought to remove T65, however during the course of the application it is has been identified (and clarified by the

Tree Team) that T65 is not subject to a TPO. T65 has since been removed from the description of the application.

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 Condition

Conditions

1 The tree work to which this consent relates must be completed 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 a further grant of consent.

In order that the works remain appropriate and suited to the present form and condition 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
Tree Condition Report with Site Plan – received 12.11.2024
Application form – received 12.11.2024

Case officer: Casey Scott

Signed: C.Scott

Date: 18.12.2024

Authorised Signatory: Helen Lynch

Date: 18/12/2024