



South Tyneside Council

Reference:	250279
Location:	16 St Bedes East Boldon NE36 0LE
Ward:	Cleadon and East Boldon
Description:	Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area: Upper branch reduction of the Sycamore tree in the front garden
Recommendation:	Serve Provisional TPO
Case Officer:	Samantha Gallagher
Case Officer Contact No.:	0191 4247447 or 07741109243

Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team

The sycamores command a presence in the landscape, being some of the largest growing trees in the local area, and a key component of the leafy street. It is considered the sycamores add a considerable degree of amenity to the views within the conservation area when observed from public vantage points, including the east/west approach on the B1299, which is a busy road linking Boldon to Cleadon. I note the East Boldon CA Character Appraisal notes the trees on Station Road/St Bede's as a "special characteristic".

The LPA have received section 211 notice in form of letter from the owner of no.16. The letter giving notice of pruning works intended to reduce the length of upper branches growing toward the property. While the pruning works appear reasonable in principle, however, the extent of the pruning is not precisely described.

Moreover, the removal of a neighbouring tree (the sycamore at no.15) is anticipated and the loss of this tree is expected to have some impact to amenity. I feel it is important to ensure the remaining trees are protected by a TPO in the interest of amenity.

Consequently, it is considered expedient to make a TPO to ensure the trees are protected and their management can be controlled through the planning process.

Officer comment – *the tree teams comments reference a tree in the garden of No 17 St Bede, which was not subject to the TCA application.*

Assessment

The section 211 notice, in the form of a letter from the owner of No 16, gives notice of pruning works intended to reduce the length of upper branches growing towards the front of the property. Whilst pruning works appear reasonable in principle, the extent of pruning is not precisely described, and interpretations of pruning could vary significantly.

The local planning authority believes that the unspecified works proposed under this application would justify protection with a TPO, having regard to the comments from the tree team and where they consider the tree worthy of protection under a TPO to protect the wider streetscene and the character and appearance of the East Boldon Conservation Area. The proposed works, given their unspecified nature could, therefore, have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

For the purposes of this report, the decision is to serve a provisional TPO.

Recommendation

Serve Provisional TPO

List of plans etc. for standard note on decision

Plan Reference

Tree Works Permission Letter received 07/04/2025

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Signed: S Gallagher

Date: 12/05/2025

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Date: 12/05/2025