



South Tyneside Council

Reference:	250359
Location:	43 Laburnum Grove Cleadon SR6 7RJ
Ward:	Cleadon and East Boldon
Description:	Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO 53). 1T (T16) Horse Chestnut - Prune to reduce branches overhanging driveway to follow line of driveway wall; approx 1.5m reduction. 2T (T17) Ash - stage 3 ash dieback - Pruning for habitat. Remove crown, leaving coronet cuts on limb ends, 2 nesting box cutouts, 2 cut cracks, and 1 large, exposed cavity. Standing habitat/monolith to be left of approximately 6-8m.
Recommendation:	Grant Permission with Conditions
Case Officer:	Emma Thomas
Case Officer Contact No.:	0191 4247593 or 07741105284

Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team

The application provides sufficient evidence to justify the proposal. The ash has succumbed to ash die back and removing the tree appears reasonable. The applicant may wish to retain the standing stem (monolith) within the garden to provide wildlife habitat. This approach is generally encouraged where appropriate, however, in terms of the TPO, we would consider the ash removed, and we would not wish to extend the TPO protection to the monolith.

The pruning of the horse chestnut is minor, I have no observations on this.

As the ash would essentially be removed in amenity terms, I would recommend attaching the standard replacement planting condition.

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).

The Tree Team have confirmed that sufficient evidence has been provided to justify the removal of the Ash tree and pruning of the horse chestnut is considered minor. The Tree Team have requested that a condition be attached to this permission to ensure that a suitably large growing tree is planted as a replacement within the front or rear garden of the application site.

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.

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

Reason: In order to maintain the health and visual amenity of the trees affected.

- 3 A suitably large growing replacement tree shall be planted in a suitable location within the front or rear garden of the application site, within the first available planting season following the felling of the TPO trees hereby approved.

Reason: In the interest of the amenity of the area.

List of plans etc. for standard note on decision

Plan Reference

- Photographs – Received 04/06/2025
- Habitat Pruning – Received 04/06/2025
- Tree Location - Received 04/06/2025

Case officer: Emma Thomas

Signed: *Emma Thomas*

Date: 31/07/2025

Authorised Signatory: Seán Gallagher

Date: 01/08/2025