South Tyneside Council

Reference:	250526
Location:	18 North Avenue South Shields NE34 6BB
Ward:	Harton
Description:	Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO 16). G1 - Prune sycamore group to reduce crowns on clients side of the fence by 2m to reduce shading
Recommendation:	Grant Permission with Conditions
Case Officer:	Casey Scott
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Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team

I have reviewed the subject TPOW and, while I am not persuaded that the trees cast shade excessively, the applications works are not expected to have an overly negative impact to tree health or amenity.

Recommend granting conditionally.

Representations

One comments on the proposal has been received from the neighbour at No.20 North Avenue.

They raise the following comments:

- Proposed work could alter the structure of the existing group of trees.
- Does not believe that the proposed works would have the intended outcome - the proposed works wouldn't reduce shading.

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.

Consent is sought for works which form G1 (sycamore group), which are protected by TPO 16. The proposal seeks to reduce the crown of the trees on 18 North Avenue to reduce the shading.

Due to the location of the affected trees, a notification letter has been issued to the neighbour No.20 North Avenue. They raised concerns with the proposed works will alter the structure of the group of trees protected by the TPO and the works may not reduce shading.

To assess the proposal, comments have been provided by the Council's Tree Team. They have reviewed the submitted information and have advised that they are not persuaded that the trees cast excessive shading. However, as they consider that the works would not have an overly negative impact to the tree health or amenity, they recommend that the proposal is granted conditionally.

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 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/documentation etc. for standard note on decision

Plans/Documentation

Tree location plan – received 19.08.2025

Application form – received 19.08.2025

Case officer: Casey Scott

Signed: C.Scott

Date: 07.10.2025

Authorised Signatory: Helen Lynch

Date: 07/10/2025