South Tyneside Council

Reference:	250594
Location:	34 Rockcliffe South Shields NE33 3JH
Ward:	Westoe
Description:	Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO 221) 1T - Sycamore - 1.5m crown reduction - to reduce shading
Recommendation:	Grant Permission with conditions
Case Officer:	Adam Williamson
Case Officer Contact No.:	0191 4247434 or 07741120747

Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team

I have reviewed the subject TPOW and the proposal appears reasonable in arboricultural terms.

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).

LDF Policy DM1 seeks to protect existing soft landscaping, including trees and hedges, where possible or provides replacement planting where necessary.

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 tree(s) 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

- Application Form received 19/09/2025
- Tree Location Plan received 19/09/2025

Case officer: Adam Williamson
Date: 21/10/2025

Authorised Signatory: *G. Simmonette*
Date: 21/10/2025