South Tyneside Council

Reference:	260164
Location:	6 Rectory Green, West Boldon, NE36 0QD
Ward:	Boldon Colliery
Description:	Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area: T1 - Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) Removal. T2 - Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) Removal. Removal of both T1 and T2 would also promote growth on the mature sycamore T3.
Recommendation:	No Objection
Case Officer:	Casey Scott
Case Officer Contact No.:	0191 4246780 or 07442 655446

Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team

I have visited the site and discussed this with colleagues; we feel that the trees should be protected by a TPO.

Assessment

The application proposes the removal of T1 (Sycamore) and T2 (Sycamore). The trees are located within the front garden of the residential property, 6 Rectory Green on the street corner between Rectory Green and Rectory Bank. A further tree, T3 a mature Sycamore, would be retained.

As set out in the application form, the removal of both Sycamore trees (T1 and T2) is proposed as they both have a lean in the stem which has worsened. In addition, the applicant states that the crown of both trees is notably suppressed due to the dominance of T3 (Sycamore). The competition between the trees has resulted in a dwarfed and unbalance growth of both these trees in relation to T3, the larger of the three trees. As result of the trees size, location in proximity to the property, and lean of the trees, there is a heightened risk of failure of the trees therefore the trees (T1 and T2) are proposed to be removed.

Comments have been received from the Council's Tree Team who have advised that they consider the trees (T1 and T2) would be worthy of protection by a TPO. This is based upon the proximity and consideration of retained tree T3 rather than the visual amenity afforded by T1 and T2 and whether on this basis the two trees warrant protection. In considering national guidance the local authority does not consider that the trees subject to this notice would warrant protection by a TPO. Given their condition, form, position in relation to T3 (a mature

sycamore, and the largest of the three trees) and the potential for future risk, it is considered that, in this instance, the removal of these trees is considered to be acceptable. The proposed works would not have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and the works would not be considered unacceptable, in accordance with LDF Policies DM1 and DM6.

Recommendation

No Objection

Case officer: Casey Scott

Signed: C.Scott

Date: 29.04.2026

Authorised Signatory: Helen Lynch

Date: 30/04/2026