South Tyneside Council

Reference:	260294
Location:	14 Station Road East Boldon South Tyneside NE36 0LD
Ward:	Cleadon Village and East Boldon
Description:	Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO354). T1 - Beech - Crown reduce 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 application and, although we would not normally support crown reduction of beech trees, this particular tree appears to have been subject to a heavy reduction previously.

Therefore, the current proposal presents works for maintenance of form. We can support the application subject to a condition ensuring that final pruning cuts do not extend beyond the previous points, and that all works are carried out in accordance with the relevant standards.

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.

The application proposed works to one tree (Beech), which is protected by TPO 354. The tree is located within the rear garden of 14 Station Road, and consent is sought to reduce the crown of the tree by 2m. The justification of the works are to reduce the shading to the rear garden of the property.

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 with respect of ensuring that the pruning work does not go beyond previous pruning points, 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.

3 The work for which consent is hereby granted shall be restricted to the pruning detailed below:

Reduction in the tree's overall crown by a maximum of 2 metres.

The branches to be pruned shall be cut back to suitably positioned and appropriately sized side shoots, and not exceeding the previous cutting points, retaining sufficient foliage to sustain the remaining section of the branch and leaving a natural overall appearance to the crown upon completion.

To ensure the long term health of the affected tree, in accordance with Local Development Framework Policy DM1.

List of plans/documentation etc. for standard note on decision

Plans/Documentation
Application form – received 12.05.2026
Site Plan – received 12.05.2026

Case officer: Casey Scott

Signed: Casey Scott

Date: 12/06/2026

Authorised Signatory: Helen Lynch

Date: 12/06/2026