



South Tyneside Council

Reference:	260431
Location:	South Tyneside College, St Georges Avenue, South Shields, NE34 6ET
Ward:	Westoe
Description:	Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). T7 Sycamore – crown lift to between 4m to 5m. T14. Lime – crown lift to between 4m to 5m.
Recommendation:	Grant Permission with Conditions
Case Officer:	Adam Williamson
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Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team

I have reviewed the application and the proposed pruning appears reasonable in arboricultural terms.

I'd recommend granting permission with the usual condition for compliance with BS 3998:2010.

Relevant planning policy

The following policies are relevant to this application:

- LDF Policy DM1
- NPPF Part 15
- Local Plan Policy 36

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 and Local Plan Policy 36 seek to protect existing soft landscaping, including trees and hedges, where possible or provides replacement planting where necessary.

The application proposes works to two trees,

T7 Sycamore – crown lift to between 4m to 5m, and T14 Lime – crown lift to between 4m to 5m. The submitted details state that this work is requested for safety reasons and to remove low overhanging branches from the road and car parking area as well as the neighbouring 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, 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 accordance 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:

Crown lift the trees to a maximum height of 5 metres.

To ensure the long-term health of the affected trees, in accordance with LDF Policy DM1 and the NPPF.

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

Plans/Documentation

Application form received 16/06/2026

Site Plan received 16/06/2026

Arboricultural Statement received 16/06/2026

Case officer: Adam Williamson

Date: 29/07/2026

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Date: 29/07/2026