



South Tyneside Council

Reference:	260497
Location:	3 Ashleigh Villas, East Boldon, NE36 0LA
Ward:	Cleadon Village and East Boldon
Description:	Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). TPO 369 (2019) – T1 Sycamore - Crown reduce by 3m to reduce shading.
Recommendation:	Grant Permission with Conditions
Case Officer:	Emma Thomas
Case Officer Contact No.:	0191 4247593 or 07741105284

Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team -

I have reviewed the subject application and visited the site, I was able to view the sycamore T1 from the Hawthorns.

T1 is a mature sycamore protected by TPO 369 (2019). The tree appears to be healthy and in good condition and continues to make a positive contribution to the amenity of the area.

The application seeks consent for a crown reduction of up to 3 metres. Whilst I am not persuaded that the level of shading experienced is, in itself, sufficient justification for significant intervention, I acknowledge that the tree occupies a confined residential setting and that some periodic management may be appropriate to maintain the crown at a reasonable size relative to its surroundings.

I consider the proposed reduction to be moderate and unlikely to result in any significant adverse impact on the tree's health, longevity or contribution to public amenity, provided the works are carried out to an appropriate arboricultural standard.

On balance, no arboricultural objection is raised to the proposal. Consent is recommended subject to conditions controlling the extent and quality of the pruning works.

Suggested Conditions

1. The works hereby approved shall be carried out within two years of the date of this consent.
2. All works hereby approved shall be undertaken in accordance with BS 3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations.
3. The works hereby approved shall be restricted to:

T1 Sycamore - Crown reduction by a maximum of 3 metres from the branch extremities, retaining a natural crown shape.

In all cases, branches shall be pruned back to suitably positioned secondary growth points of appropriate size to assume the terminal function. Pruning cuts shall be made in accordance with BS 3998:2010, retaining sufficient live foliage throughout the crown to maintain the tree's health, vitality and amenity value.

The completed crown shall retain a balanced and natural appearance and shall not result in excessive end-weight reduction, topping, lopping or the creation of a pollarded form.

Relevant planning policy

The following policies are relevant to this application:

- Local Plan Policy 36
- 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 removal of the protected trees. Having regard for the Tree Team's comments, subject to conditions, there are no objections to the proposed crown reduction by 3m of the T1 sycamore and is deemed acceptable in the interests of good arboricultural practice.

The Tree Team recommended a third condition which specified that the works only relate to T1 sycamore tree. This condition is not required as the application itself is only for this particular tree.

Recommendation

Grant Permission with Conditions

Conditions

- 1 The tree works to which this consent relates must be completed in full, not later than 2 years from the date of this consent and may not be carried out more than once, unless authorized 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.

- 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.

List of plans etc. for standard note on decision

Plan Reference

Image of Sycamore Tree – Received 16/07/2026

Sycamore Tree Location - Received 16/07/2026

Case officer: Emma Thomas

Signed: *E. Thomas*

Date: 24/08/2026

Authorised Signatory: Seán Gallagher

Date: 26/08/2026