

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P10/1065

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	HALESOWEN SOUTH
Applicant	Mr Paul Scholes
Location:	5, CLAREMONT WAY, HALESOWEN, B63 4UR
Proposal	FELL 1 NO. LARCH TREE AND 1 NO. HOLLY TREE AND CROWN REDUCE 1 NO. ALDER TREE
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: TPO/000q (1971) – A2

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The trees subject to this application are a mature alder tree and a mature larch tree. The trees are situated in the front garden of 5 Claremont Way. The trees are only visible from within Claremont Way, as the surrounding buildings and other mature trees screen the trees from wider public view. Overall it is considered that the trees provide a moderate to low amount of amenity to the surrounding area.

PROPOSAL

2. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
 - Fell 1 Larch tree and prune 1 alder tree.
3. The trees have been marked on the attached plan.
4. The application also included a proposal to fell a holly tree. However on inspection this tree was found to be dead and as such it is exempt from the order and as such the application to fell this tree cannot be considered.

HISTORY

5. There have been no previous Tree Preservation Order applications on this site.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. No public representations have been received.

ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

<i>Tree Structure</i>	Tree 1	Tree 2
Species	Alder	Larch
Height (m)	15	15
Spread (m)	6	5
DBH (mm)	600	500
Canopy Architecture	Moderate	Moderate
Overall Form	Moderate / Good	Moderate / Poor – Leaning
Age Class <i>Yng / EM / M / OM / V</i>	Mature	Mature

Structural Assessment

Trunk / Root Collar	Good		Good	
Scaffold Limbs	Good		Good	
Secondary Branches	Good		Good	
% Deadwood	5%		3%	
Root Defects	None Evident		None Evident	
Root Disturbance	None Evident		None Evident	
Other				
Failure Foreseeable <i>Imm / Likely / Possible / No</i>	Whole No	Part No	Whole No	Part No / Possible

Vigour Assessment

Vascular Defects	None Evident	None Evident
Foliage Defects	None Evident	None Evident
Leaf Size	Good / Moderate	Good
Foliage Density	Moderate – sparse around higher branches	Good
Other		

Overall Assessment

Structure	Good	Good
Vigour	Good / Moderate	Good
Overall Health	Good / Moderate	Good

Other Issues

Light Obstruction	No	No
Physical Damage	None Evident	None Evident
Surface Disruption	None Evident	None Evident
Debris	Some	Some

Amenity

Assessment

Visible	Yes	Yes
Prominence	Moderate	Low
Part of Wider Feature?	Yes	Yes
Characteristic of Area	Yes	Yes
Amenity Value	Moderate	Low

Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to prune the alder tree in order to maintain the tree at an appropriate size for its location and they have proposed to prune the tree as they consider the tree to have low amenity value and are concerned about the lean and end weighting of the tree.
8. On inspection both trees were found to be in reasonable condition with no major defects present. The upper parts of the Alder tree were slightly sparse, but this is not considered to be the result of general poor health, but could be the result of differing amounts of exposure to the elements as the tree has been drawn up to a good height.
9. It is considered that the proposal to prune the alder tree is acceptable, as it will serve to keep the tree to a decent size for its setting and will restore a more proportioned balance between the height and spread of the tree. The tree will still remain a substantial feature within Claremont Way and as such it is not considered that the amenity value of the tree will be significantly diminished.
10. The larch tree subject to this application has grown up amongst the other mature trees and as such is extremely drawn up with no lower crown branches. The canopy of the tree is sandwiched between the crowns of two other mature trees and the only part of the tree that is obviously visible is the trunk. Due to this screening by other trees it is considered that the tree provides a moderate to low amount of amenity to the surrounding area.
11. It is considered that the larch tree will never develop a good quality crown, and will never provide much in the way of amenity to the surrounding area. As such it is considered that the amenity of the area would be best served by the felling of this tree and the planting of a new tree that will add to the appearance of the group of trees.

CONCLUSION

12. The applicant has proposed to prune the alder tree subject to this application in order to maintain it at a good size for its location. It is considered the proposed work is acceptable as the works will still leave the tree as a substantial feature in the area.
13. The proposed felling of the larch tree is also considered acceptable as currently the tree provides little in the way of amenity to the area as the only obvious part of the tree is the trunk, with the crown of the tree being sandwiched between adjacent trees. As the removal of this tree will have little impact on the amenity of the area, it is

considered that it would be contrary to government guidance to refuse the application.

14.. Overall it is recommended that the application is approved.

RECOMMENDATION

15. It is recommended that application is approved subject to the conditions set out below.

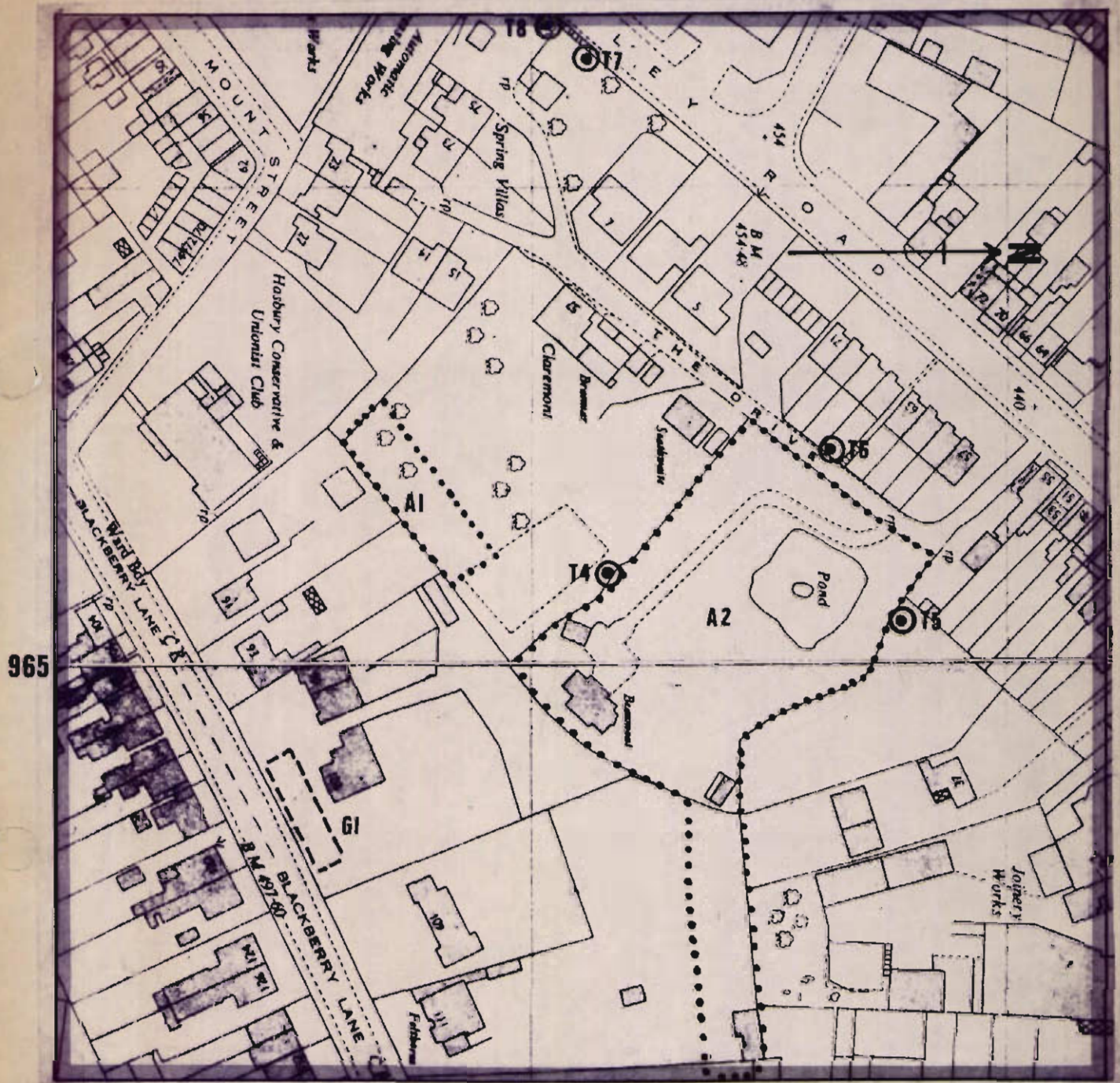
Conditions and/or reasons:

1. The tree works subject of this consent shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard BS 3998:1989 'Recommendations for Treework'.
2. The works hereby approved shall be carried out within 12 months of the date of this decision.
3. A replacement trees shall be planted between the beginning of November and the end of March, within 1 year of felling (and replanted if necessary) and maintained until satisfactorily established. The size, species and location of the replacement trees shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning authority prior to the felling of the trees to which this application relates.

Map referred to in DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

HALESOWEN: HAGLEY ROAD & BLACKBERRY LANE

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 1974 (1971)



Scale 1 : 1250

Grid ref. 965 831

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DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Trees Specified Individually.

(encircled in black on the map)

<u>No. on Map</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Situation</u>
T1	Chestnut	Rear of 99 Blackberry Lane, Halesowen.
T2	Sycamore	Rear of 101 Blackberry Lane, Halesowen.
T3	Larch	Adjoining Beaumont, The Drive, Hagley Road, Halesowen.
T4	Poplar	Adjoining Beaumont, The Drive, Hagley Road, Halesowen.
T5	Sycamore	Rear of 55 Hagley Road, Halesowen.
T6	Lime	Rear of 71 Hagley Road, Halesowen.
T7	Horse Chestnut	Manor Works, Hagley Road, Halesowen.
T8	Lime	Manor Works, Hagley Road, Halesowen.

Trees Specified by References to an Area

(within a dotted black line on the map.)

<u>No. on Map</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Situation</u>
A1	The several trees of whatever species standing in the area numbered A1 on the map.	Rear of Nos. 91, 93 and 99 Blackberry Lane, Halesowen.
A2	The several trees of whatever species standing in the area numbered A2 on the map.	Beaumont, The Drive, Hagley Road, Halesowen and 111 Blackberry Lane, Halesowen.

Groups of Trees

(within a broken black line on the map)

<u>No. on Map</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Situation</u>
G1	Group consisting of two Corsican pine, two ash, one sycamore, one lime, one weeping elm.	Fronting 103 Blackberry Lane, Halesowen.

Woodlands

None