

# PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P08/1462

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| Type of approval sought | Tree Preservation Order  |
| Ward                    | HALESOWEN SOUTH  |
| Applicant               | Mrs S Stanton  |
| Location:               | <b>HOLLIES ORCHARD, HOLLIES DRIVE, HALESOWEN, HALESOWEN, B62 8NX</b> |
| Proposal                | <b>FELL 1 NO. BEECH TREE AND 1 NO. SYCAMORE TREE</b>                 |
| Recommendation Summary: | <b>APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>                                 |

## TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D 222 (1987) – T59 & T60

### SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The trees subject to this application are a sycamore tree and a beech tree that are situated in the rear garden of Hollies Orchard. The trees form part of the boundary between the properties in Hollies Drive and Leasowes Park.
2. Adjacent to the trees in Leasowes Park the land level drops sharply and the slope is covered in woodland. The effect of this is that the other that from the area immediately beneath the trees on the park side, or from immediately in front of the property, they are only visible in the long distant view and do not serve any useful screening value from the park.

### PROPOSAL

3. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
  - Fell 1 sycamore tree and 1 beech tree,

### HISTORY

4. There has been one previous Tree Preservation Order application on this site.

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| <i>Site History</i> |              |                          |
| Application No      | 86/51800     | 04/12/86                 |
| Proposal            | Fell 1 tree. | Approved with conditions |

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

5. At the time of writing no public representations have been received.

## ASSESSMENT

### Tree(s) Appraisal

6.

| <b>Criteria</b>  | <b>Tree 1</b>  | <b>Tree 2</b>  |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| TPO No           | T59            | T60            |
| Species          | Beech          | Sycamore       |
| Height           | 14m            | 12m            |
| Spread           | 6m             | 7m             |
| Diameter         | 350mm          | 300mm          |
| Form             | Moderate       | Good           |
| Vigour           | Moderate       | Good           |
| Approx Age       | Early Mature   | Early Mature   |
| Pests / Diseases | None Evident.  | None evident   |
| Canopy           | Moderate       | Moderate       |
| % Deadwood       | 1%             | 1%             |
| Cavities         | None evident   | None evident   |
| Bark             | Good           | Good           |
| Roots            | Good           | Good           |
| Overall Health   | Good           | Good           |
| Visibility       | Moderate / Low | Moderate / Low |
| Amenity Value    | Moderate       | Moderate       |

### Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to fell the trees as they consider them to be too close to their house and as they block out the light from the property.
8. On inspection both of the trees were found to be in a reasonable condition with no major defects present. The trees are not particularly prominent in the area due to the local land fall and other surrounding trees. However their removal would be noticeable from the public path the runs from hollies drive along the rear of this property.
9. With regard to the light obstruction, the trees are situated some 11 metres away from the property, which is a bungalow, and the trees are south west of the main living room windows. The canopies of the trees meet in the centre to form an almost solid barrier across the width of the garden. Due to the proximity and the height of the

trees it is considered that they will obstruct a substantial amount of daylight from the property.

10. In order to reduce the amount of daylight that is obstructed from properties, pruning would be the first option. However in this case because of the adjacent trees pruning would be of limited benefit. The only pruning that would be considered to have any real impact would be a large scale reduction by approximately 50%. The sycamore may well be able to stand this but it is likely that such pruning would result in the death of the beech tree.
11. Due to the historical status of the adjacent park, it is vital that any proposed tree works do not have a detrimental impact on the Leasowes site. Whilst the trees will form part of the skyline from parts of the Leasowes golf course, their removal will not open up views of the adjacent residential properties or significantly undermine the density or continuity of the wooded area on the side of the slope that runs up to the rear of the property.
12. Overall, whilst the trees are considered to provide an amenity to the public foot path that runs along the rear of the property, they are considered to be of little value in the wider area. This, combined with the severe light obstruction problems that the trees are causing, is considered to justify their removal. Due to the amount of trees in the area and the lack of available space it is considered that a replacement tree is not required in this instance.

## **CONCLUSION**

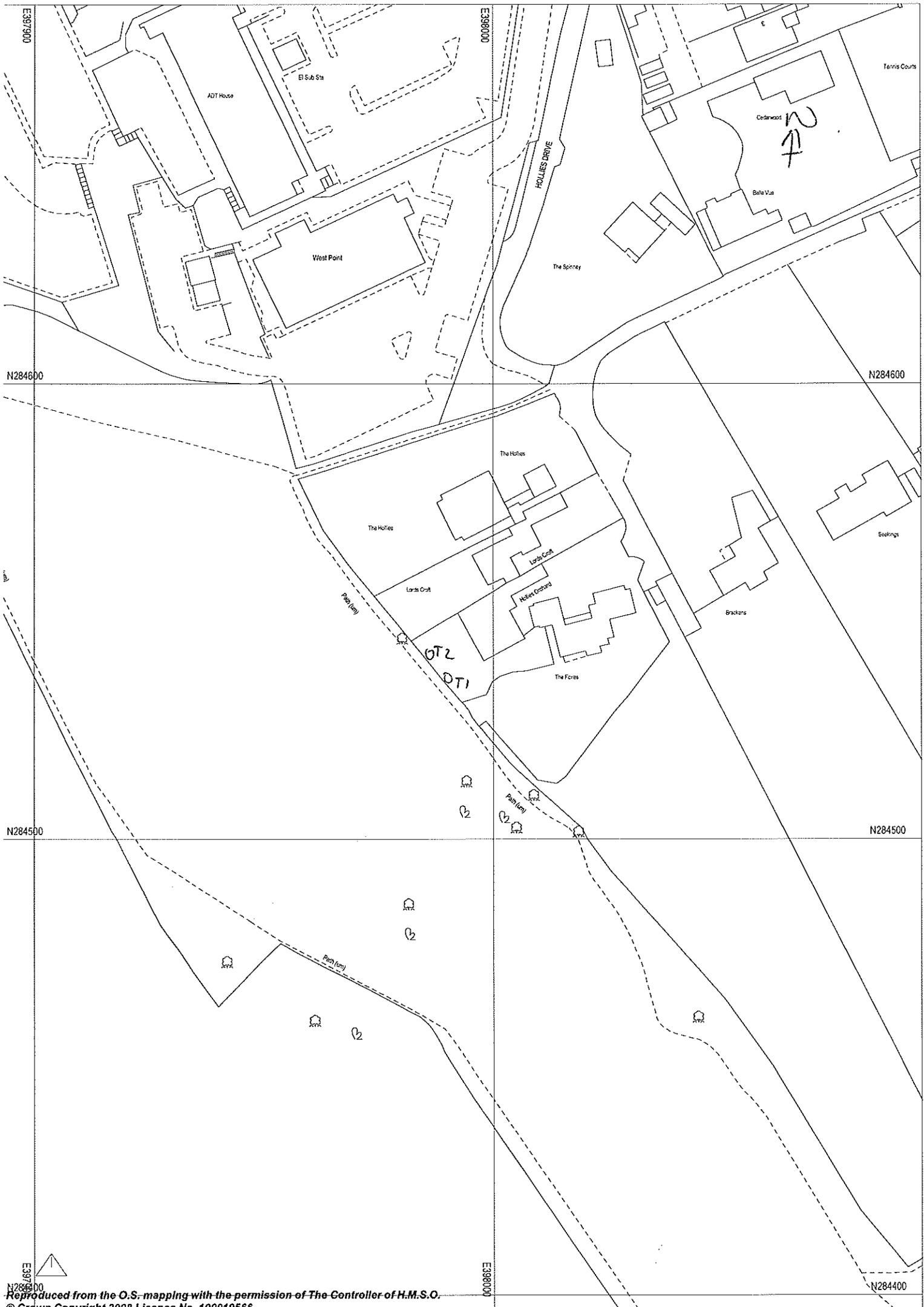
13. The applicant has proposed to fell a beech tree and a sycamore tree that are situated in the rear gardens of Hollies Orchard, Hollies drive. The reasons for the proposed felling are that the trees are too close to the property, and obstruct daylight.
14. On inspection it was accepted that due to the short length of the garden and the orientation, height and spread of the trees that they would obstruct a substantial amount of sunlight and daylight from the property.
15. Overall the trees are not considered to be overly valuable in the area, and although they do provide an amenity to the adjacent public foot path, due to the acute nature of the light obstruction problem it is considered that the felling of the tree is justified.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

16. 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.



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1:1250

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Map referred to in THE BOROUGH of DUDLEY

THE HOLLIES, HALESOWEN

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 1987

The common seal of the Borough Council of Dudley was hereunto affixed this ..... day  
of ..... 19..... in the presence of;

DIRECTOR of LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.

BOROUGH OF DUDLEY (THE HOLLIES, HALESOWEN)

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 1987

SCHEDULE OF TREES

Individual Trees

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Location</u>                       |
|------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| T1         | Sycamore           | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T2         | Lime               | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T3         | Sycamore           | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T4         | Lime               | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T5         | Sycamore           | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T6         | Sycamore           | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T7         | Lime               | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T8         | Sycamore           | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T9         | Lime               | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T10        | Sycamore           | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T11        | Oak                | Adjacent The Hollies, Halesowen       |
| T12        | Oak                | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T13        | Fir                | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T14        | Sycamore           | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T15        | Mountain Ash       | Adjacent The Hollies, Halesowen       |
| T16        | Sycamore           | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T17        | Horse-Chestnut     | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T18        | Beech              | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T19        | Horse-Chestnut     | M.E.B. Headquarters, Halesowen        |
| T20        | Sycamore           | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T21        | Sycamore           | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T22        | Lime               | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T23        | Cedar              | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T24        | Horse-Chestnut     | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen    |
| T25        | Sycamore           | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen    |
| T26        | Ash                | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen    |
| T27        | Lime               | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen    |
| T28        | Lime               | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen    |
| T29        | Beech              | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen    |
| T30        | Sycamore           | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen    |
| T31        | Sycamore           | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen    |
| T32        | Sycamore           | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen    |
| T33        | Ash                | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen    |
| T34        | Sycamore           | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen    |

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Location</u>                           |
|------------|--------------------|---|
| T35        | Sycamore           | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T36        | Horse-Chestnut     | 'The Hollies', The Hollies, Halesowen     |
| T37        | Lime               | 'The Hollies', The Hollies, Halesowen     |
| T38        | Beech              | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T39        | Birch              | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T40        | Birch              | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T41        | Birch              | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T42        | Birch              | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T43        | Oak                | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T44        | Sycamore           | 'The Hollies', The Hollies, Halesowen     |
| T45        | Sycamore           | 'The Hollies', The Hollies, Halesowen     |
| T46        | Sycamore           | 'The Hollies', The Hollies, Halesowen     |
| T47        | Birch              | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T48        | Service Tree       | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T49        | Sycamore           | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T50        | Horse-Chestnut     | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T51        | Horst-Chestnut     | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T52        | Tulip Tree         | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T53        | Cedar              | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T54        | Beech              | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T55        | Beech              | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T56        | Maple              | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T57        | Service Tree       | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T58        | Sycamore           | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T59        | Beech              | 'Hollies Orchard', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T60        | Sycamore           | 'Hollies Orchard', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T61        | Pine               | 'Foxes', The Hollies, Halesowen           |
| T62        | Ash                | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T63        | Ash                | 'Foxes', The Hollies, Halesowen           |
| T64        | Sycamore           | 'Foxes', The Hollies, Halesowen           |
| T65        | Tulip Tree         | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T66        | Pine               | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T67        | Maple              | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T68        | Spruce             | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T69        | Spruce             | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T70        | Whitebeam          | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T71        | Whitebeam          | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T72        | Oak                | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T73        | Oak                | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T74        | Oak                | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |
| T75        | Oak                | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen        |

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Location</u>                    |
|------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| T76        | Oak                | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T77        | Oak                | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| T78        | Spanish Chestnut   | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen |

Groups of Trees

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                   | <u>Location</u>                                     |
|------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| G1         | 2 Firs, 1 Oak                        | 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen               |
| G2         | 2 Beech, 1 Horse-Chestnut            | Land adjacent 'The Spinney', The Hollies, Halesowen |
| G3         | 2 Oak                                | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen                  |
| G4         | 3 Ash                                | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen                  |
| G5         | 2 Yew, 1 Beech                       | 'The Hollies', The Hollies, Halesowen               |
| G6         | 2 Lime, 1 Horse-Chestnut,<br>1 Beech | 'The Hollies', The Hollies, Halesowen               |
| G7         | 2 Pine                               | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen                  |
| G8         | 1 Birch, 1 Beech, 1 Laburnum         | 'Lords Croft', The Hollies, Halesowen               |
| G9         | 8 Pines                              | 'The Foxes', The Hollies, Halesowen                 |
| G10        | 2 Beech                              | 'The Foxes', The Hollies, Halesowen                 |
| G11        | 2 Oak                                | 'The Foxes', The Hollies, Halesowen                 |
| G12        | 2 Oak                                | 'Longacre', The Hollies, Halesowen                  |
| G13        | 3 Beech, 3 Horse-Chestnut            | 'The Foxes', The Hollies, Halesowen                 |
| G14        | 7 Beech, 8 Birch                     | 'Brackens', The Hollies, Halesowen                  |
| G15        | 3 Pine                               | 'Seekings', The Hollies, Halesowen                  |