

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P08/1724

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	SEDGLEY
Applicant	Greencare - Dudley MBC
Location:	LAND TO THE REAR OF 29, EVERSLEY GROVE, SEDGLEY, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS.
Proposal	POLLARD ON WILLOW AND ASH TREE
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D704 (2002) W1

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The trees subject to this application are a mature ash tree and a mature willow tree that are located adjacent to the rear fences of 29 and 31 Eversley Grove, Sedgley.
2. The trees are situated within the Alder Coppice woodland that adjoins onto a large number of properties on the Northway Estate. The trees can be seen from Eversley Grove, between the gaps in the properties, and serve to maintain the general foliage density from within the woodland.

PROPOSAL

3. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
 - Pollard 1 willow and 1 ash tree.
4. The trees have been marked on the attached plan.

HISTORY

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

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. No representations have been received.

ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

Criteria	Tree 1	Tree 2
TPO No	W1	W1
Species	Willow	Ash
Height	12M	10M
Spread	8m	6m
Diameter	2 x 350mm	2 x 250mm
Form	Moderate- Old Pollard	Moderate / Poor
Vigour	Moderate	Moderate
Approx Age	Mature	Early Mature
Pests / Diseases	None evident.	None Evident
Canopy	Poor – old pollard	Moderate / Poor
% Deadwood	5%	3%
Cavities	Likely at old pollard wounds	Included fork at base.
Bark	Good	Good
Roots	Good	Moderate
Overall Health	Moderate	Moderate
Visibility	Moderate	Moderate
Amenity Value	Moderate / Low	Moderate / Low

Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to pollard the willow and ash tree in order to reduce the chance of future failure of the trees and any damage that they may cause.
8. The willow tree has been previously pollarded a number of years ago. The re-growth has developed into a full crown and there is evidence of past failure amongst the branches. Due to the brittle nature of willow timber and the typical problems with pollard re-growth, it is considered that over time further failures at the original pollard point can be expected.
9. The proposed re-pollarding of this tree would reduce the chance of future failure, whilst allowing the tree to re-generate a crown to maintain the tree's amenity value. Ultimately the process will need repeating in the future, this should not be for a number of years, during which the tree will contribute to the amenity of the area.

10. The pollarding of ash tree has been requested following the discovery of a severe inclusion at the base of the twin stems. Included forks like this are common places of failure, as the natural growth process serve to put more strain on the included area.
11. Normally, out side of woodland, where a substantial inclusion is found at the base of a twin stemmed tree, it would be felled rather than pollarded. However in order to mimic the natural processes of partial failure and re-growth, that are common place within a woodland and serve to improve habitat value, the applicant has proposed the pollarding of the tree.
12. Whilst ash trees will survive pollarding they will be subject to poorly attached re-growth and decay cavities. Normally the pollarding of an ash tree would not be encouraged. However in this context it is considered to be an appropriate alternative to felling.

CONCLUSION

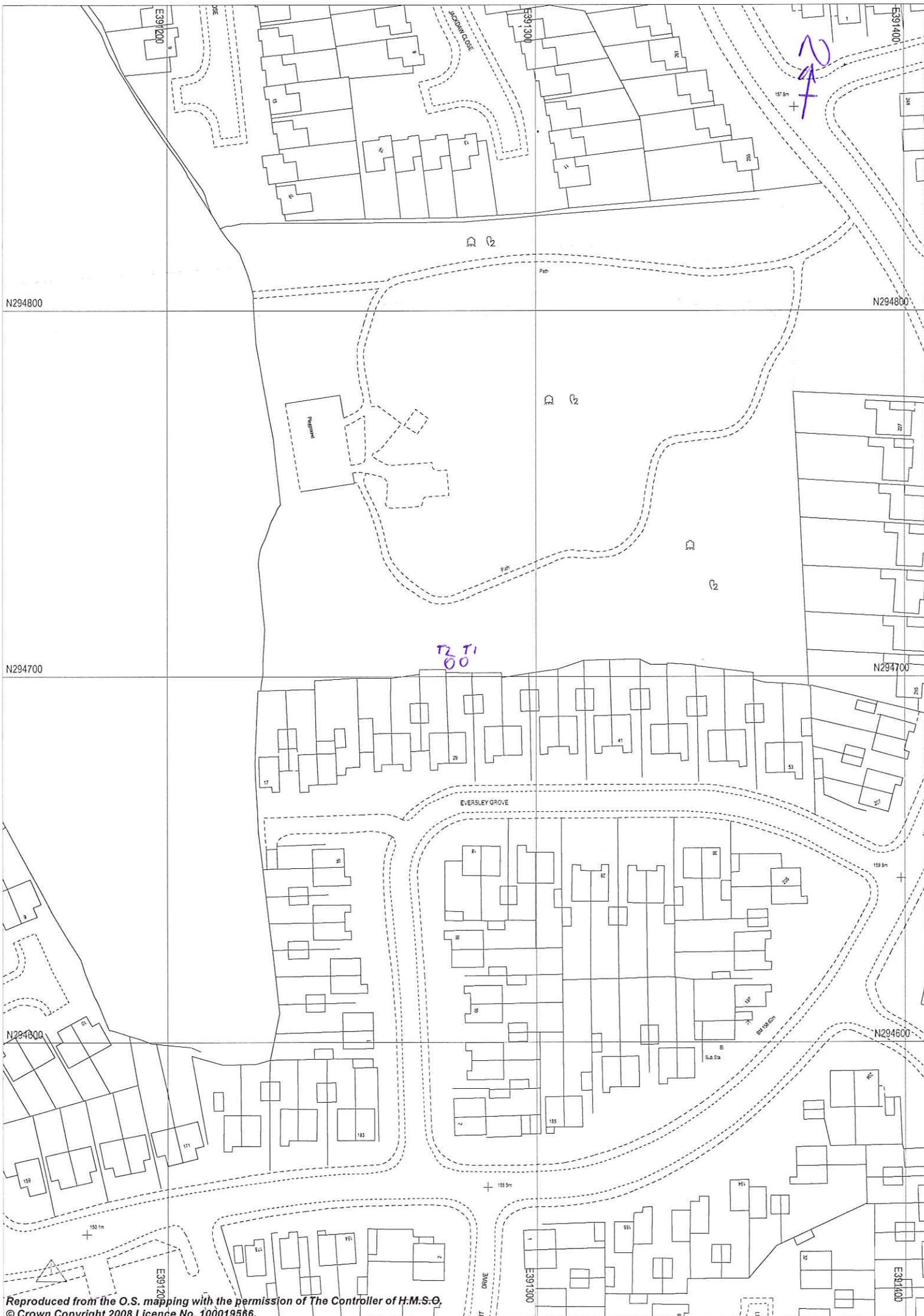
13. The applicant has proposed to re-pollard a willow tree and pollard an ash tree.
14. The willow tree has been previously pollarded a number of years ago, and has now started to drop limbs form the original pollarding point. In order to reduce the chances of any damage from future failure the tree should be re-pollarded.
15. The ash tree has a substantially included fork at the base of the tree. This will make the tree prone to failure during unsettled weather. Normally an ash tree with this kind of defects would be felled. However due to its location within a woodland setting it is considered that the pollarding of the tree would suffice in this instance. It is considered that the pollarding of this tree is appropriate.

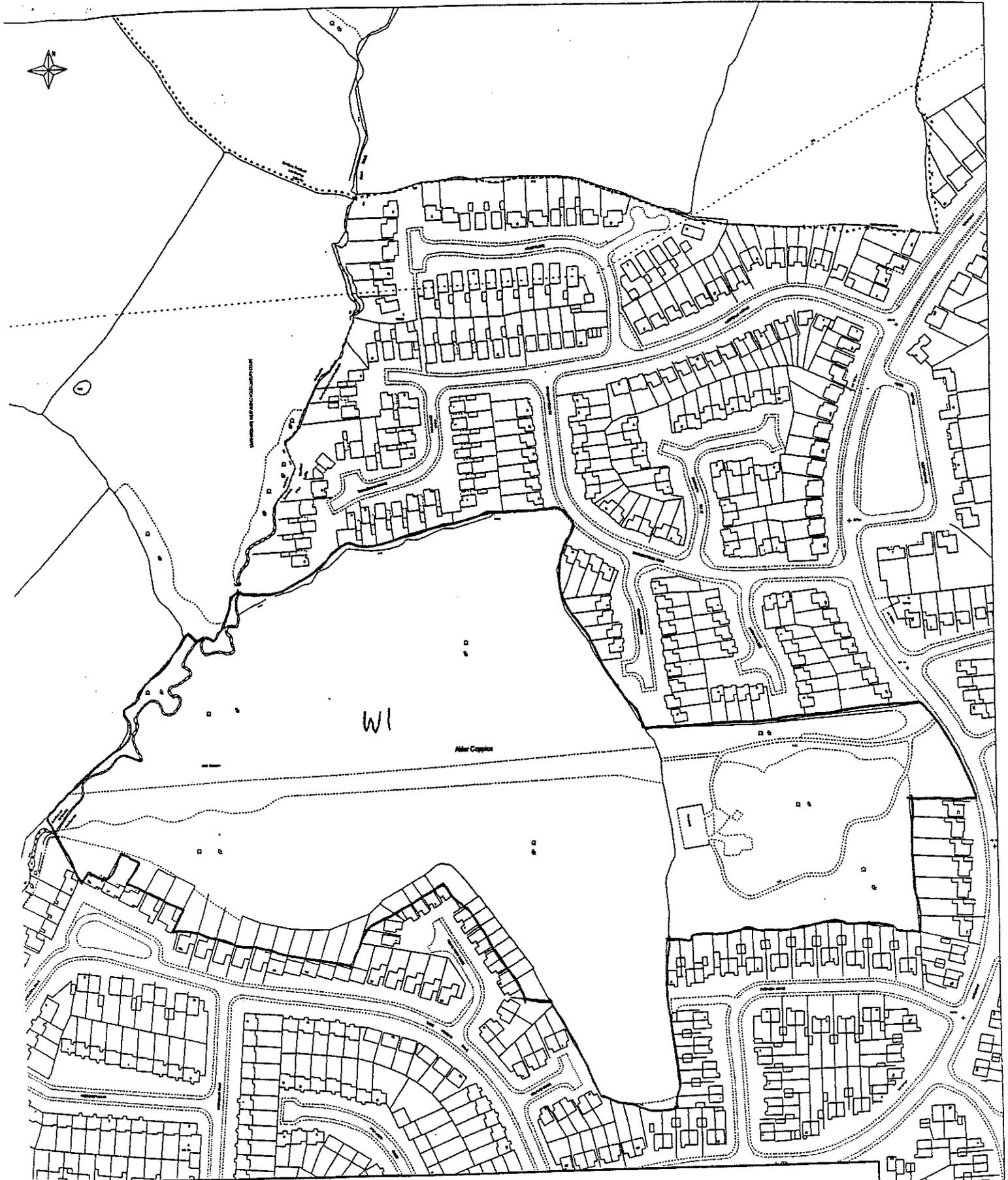
RECOMMENDATION

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'.





Map referred to in the Borough Council of Dudley
Tree Preservation Order 2002 No D704
Sedgley No. 28

ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPPING IS BASED UPON THE ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP WITH THE
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SCALE 1/1250

SCHEDULE 1

SPECIFICATION OF TREES

Reference on Map	Description	Situation
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Trees specified individually
(Circled in black on the plan)

None

Groups of trees

(Within the broken line on the plan)

None

Trees specified by reference to an area

(Within the dotted line on the plan)

None

Woodlands

(Within the continuous line on the plan)

W1

Area of mixed
deciduous Woodland

Rear gardens 95a, 99, 101,
103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113,
115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125
Long Meadow Drive

Rear gardens 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12,
14 Penns Wood Close