

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P12/1030

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	Wordsley
Applicant	Doreen Darby
Location:	10, BRACKEN PARK GARDENS, WORDSLEY, STOURBRIDGE, DY8 5SZ
Proposal	FELL 1 NO. POPLAR TREE
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: TPO 351 (1991) – T8

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The tree subject to this application is a large Lombardy poplar tree that is located in the front garden of 8 & 10, Bracken Park Gardens. The tree is highly visible in the surrounding area and is considered to provide a high amount of amenity.

PROPOSAL

2. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
 - Fell 1 Lombardy poplar tree.
3. The tree has been marked on the attached plan.

HISTORY

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

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

5. No public representations have been received.

ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

<i>Tree Structure</i>	Tree 1
Species	Poplar
Height (m)	19
Spread (m)	7
DBH (mm)	850
Canopy Architecture	Moderate
Overall Form	Good
Age Class <i>Yng / EM / M / OM / V</i>	Over Mature

Structural Assessment

Trunk / Root Collar	Good	
Scaffold Limbs	Moderate	
Secondary Branches	Moderate	
% Deadwood	15%	
Root Defects	None Evident	
Root Disturbance	None Evident	
Other		
Failure Foreseeable <i>Imm / Likely / Possible / No</i>	Whole No	Part Likely

Vigour Assessment

Vascular Defects	None Evident
Foliage Defects	None Evident
Leaf Size	Good
Foliage Density	Good
Other	

Overall

Assessment

Structure	Moderate / Poor
Vigour	Good
Overall Health	Moderate

Other Issues

Light Obstruction	Yes
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Physical Damage	None Evident
Surface Disruption	None Evident
Debris	Yes

Amenity

Assessment

Visible	Yes
Prominence	High
Part of Wider Feature?	No
Characteristic of Area	Yes
Amenity Value	High

Further Assessment

6. The applicant has proposed to fell the tree as they are concerned about the safety of the tree given its size and proximity to their property.
7. On inspection the tree was found to be an over mature Lombardy poplar tree situated within close proximity of the front elevation of the property. It was noted that there is a large amount of deadwood in the crown and there is evidence of limb subsidence and past limb failure.
8. It is considered that the tree is in the early stages of natural decline, and the characteristic of poplar trees in natural decline is to lose progressively larger branches during unsettled weather. Given the proximity of the house, the road and the canal towpath it is considered that any failure from the tree is likely to cause some damage to persons or property.
9. Overall it is considered that the age, condition and location of the tree now dictate that its removal should be undertaken in the next couple of years. As such it is recommended that the application is approved.
10. The removal of the tree will have a significant impact on the amenity of the area. However it is considered that this is justified by virtue of the condition of the tree and the hazard that it presents. Whilst a replacement tree should be required; given the

proximity of the property it is considered that anything larger than an ornamental tree would be unreasonable. As such whilst the replacement tree would mitigate some of the lost amenity, a net loss of amenity in the area is likely.

CONCLUSION

11. The applicant has proposed to fell the tree due to concerns about its safety. On inspection the tree was found to be an over mature Lombardy poplar and it is considered that the tree is in the early stages of natural decline.
12. Due to the condition of the tree it is considered that the tree should be felled as the risk of significant limb failure from the tree is increased. As such the tree cannot be safely retained in its current location.

RECOMMENDATION

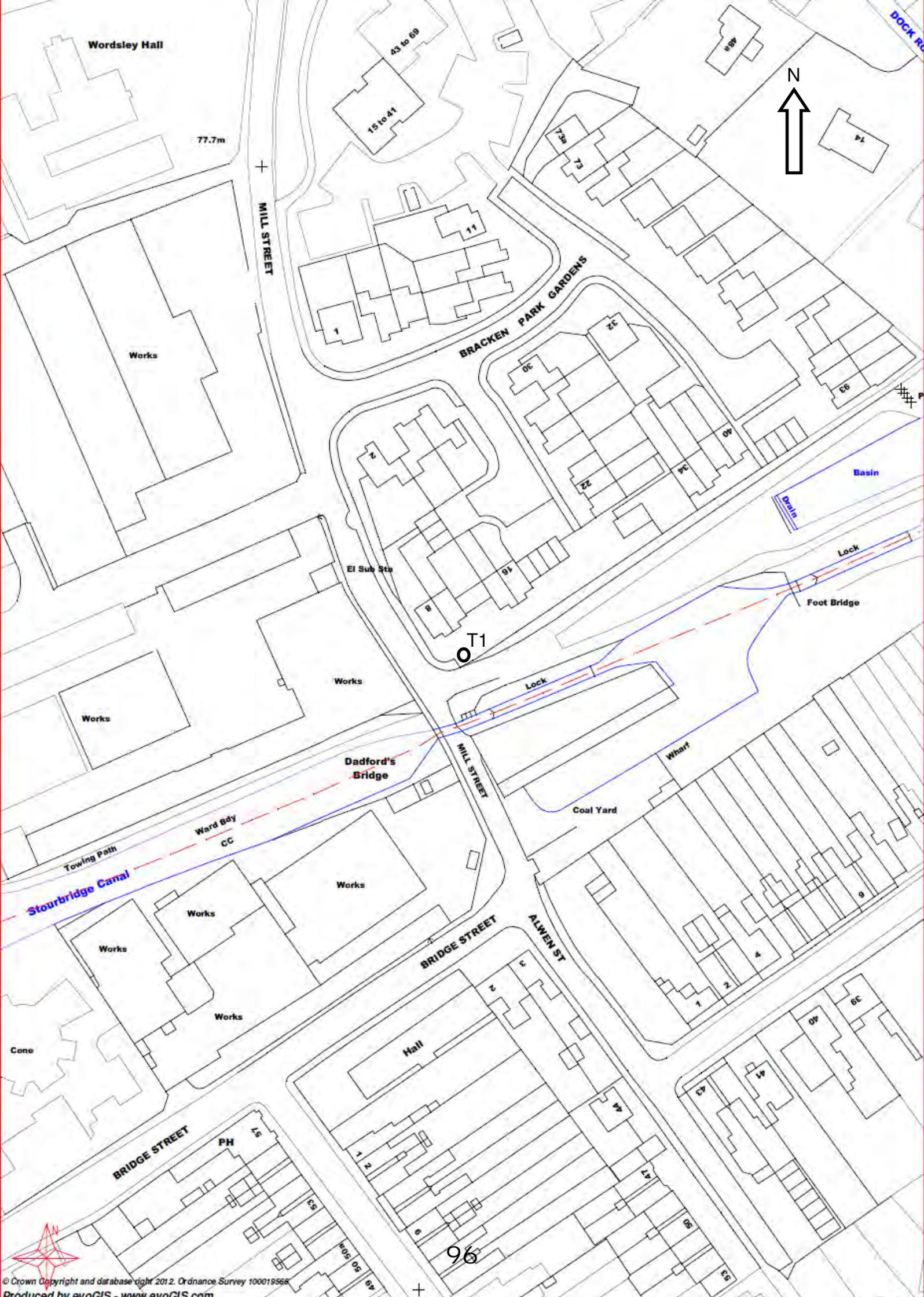
13. It is recommended that the application is approved for the stated conditions.

Reason For Approval

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Conditions and/or reasons:

1. The tree works subject of this consent shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard BS 3998:2010 'Recommendations for Treework'.
2. A replacement tree 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 tree shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning authority prior to the felling of the trees to which this application relates.



Wordsley Hall

77.7m

MILL STREET

15 to 41
43 to 69



Works

BRACKEN PARK GARDENS

El Sub Sta

O T1

Works

Works

Foot Bridge

Dadford's Bridge

MILL STREET

Towing Path

Ward Bdy
CC

Works

Coal Yard

Wharf

Works

Works

Works

BRIDGE STREET

ALLEN ST

Hall

BRIDGE STREET

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