

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P08/1596

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	KINGSWINFORD NORTH & WALLHEATH
Applicant	Mrs D Judge
Location:	9B, MOSS GROVE, KINGSWINFORD, KINGSWINFORD, DY6 9HS
Proposal	REDUCE HEIGHT OF 1 NO. YEW TREE AND FELL 1 NO. CONIFER TREE
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D 429(1994) – T10 & T11

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The trees subject to this application are a mature yew tree and a mature cypress tree. The trees are both situated in the rear garden of 9b Moss Grove, Kingswinford. Due to their location the trees are not prominently visible in the locality, and provide a 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 Cypress tree and prune 1 Yew tree.
3. The trees have been marked on the attached plan

HISTORY

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

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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

ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

6.

Criteria	Tree 1	Tree 2
TPO No	T10	T11
Species	Cypress	Yew
Height	7m	6m
Spread	4m	5m
Diameter	3 x 200mm	250mm
Form	Moderate	Moderate
Vigour	Good	Good
Approx Age	Mature	Mature
Pests / Diseases	None Evident.	None Evident
Canopy	Good / Moderate	Good
% Deadwood	1%	1%
Cavities	None Evident	None Evident
Bark	Good	Good
Roots	Good	Good
Overall Health	Good	Good
Visibility	Low	Low
Amenity Value	Low	Low

Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to fell the cypress tree and prune the yew tree in order to reduce the amount of light obstructed by the tree in order to allow more light to the property.
8. On inspection both of the trees were found to be healthy with no major defects. Whilst not particularly tall; due to their proximity to the property, and the fact that the adjacent property is a bungalow and the short length of the rear garden, the trees are quite imposing on the rear elevation of the property.
9. Normally the felling of trees on the grounds of light obstruction would be resisted. However in this case due to the low amenity value of the cypress tree, it is considered that its removal is justified as there will be no detrimental impact on the amenity of the area. The applicant has stated that they would be happy to plant a replacement tree, and it is considered that a birch tree would be the ideal species to replant.
10. The pruning of the yew tree is similarly considered to be appropriate. However, in order to prevent any detrimental impact on the health of the tree it is considered that

the pruning of the tree should be limited to a 20% crown reduction. The recommended amount of pruning will reduce the size of the tree and the amount of light obstruction caused, whilst protecting the long term health of the tree. As the tree is not particularly visible in the area there will be no detrimental impact on the amenity of the area.

CONCLUSION

11. The applicant has proposed to fell a cypress tree and prune a yew tree to reduce the amount of light obstruction from their property.
12. On inspection the trees were found to be in a good state of health with no obvious defects present. Due to their location in the rear garden of the property the trees are considered to provide a low amount of amenity to the area.
13. Due to the low amenity value of the trees it is considered that the felling of the cypress tree is justified. The pruning of the yew is also appropriate however it is recommended that it is only pruned by a maximum of 20% in order to protect the long term health of the tree.

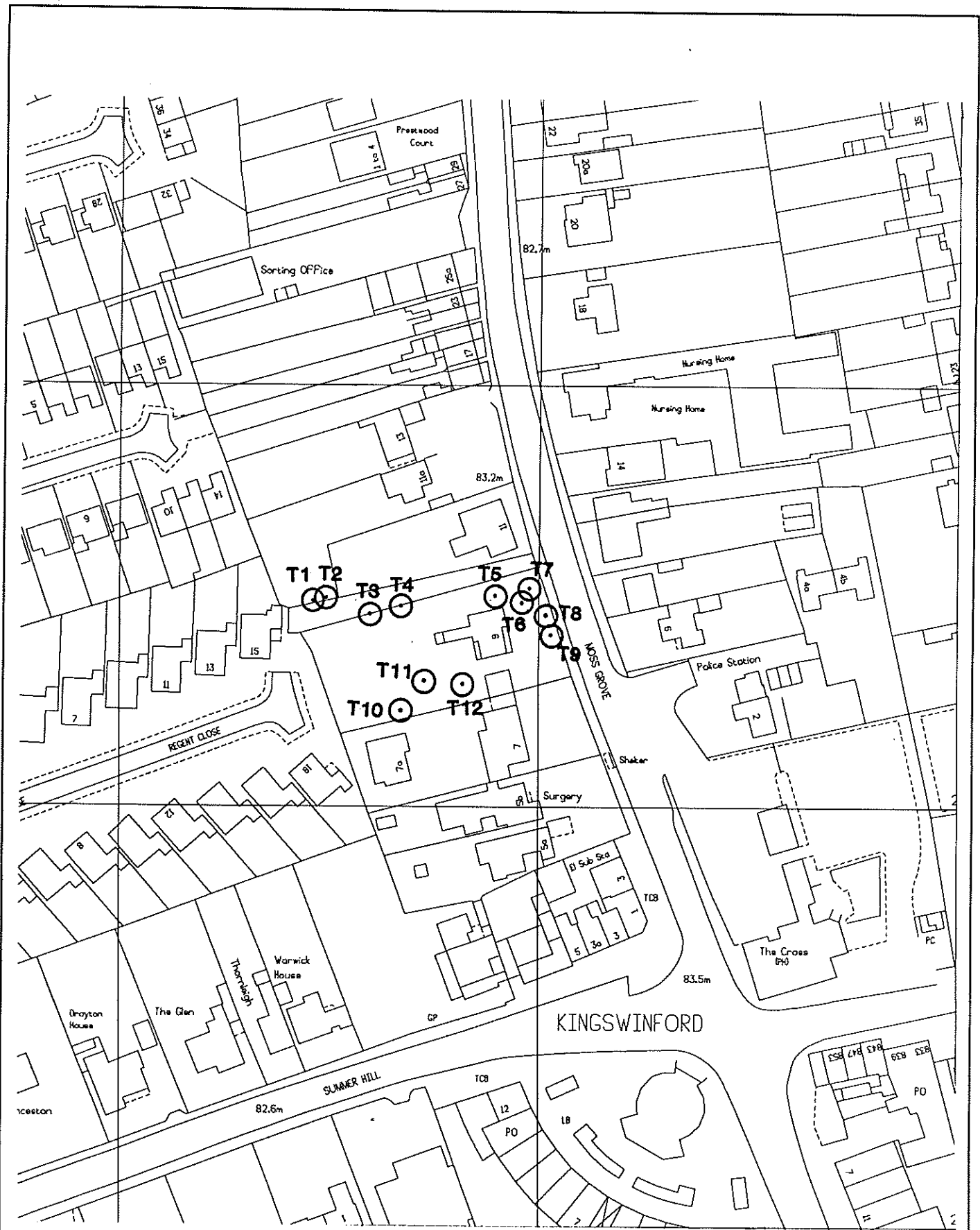
RECOMMENDATION

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

Conditions and/or reasons:

1. Notwithstanding any of the details on the submitted application forms, the works hereby approved are as follows: -
Schedule:
T1 – Cypress – Fell
T2 – Yew – Crown reduce by no more than 20%. All works are to leave a healthy and well balanced crown.
2. The tree works subject of this consent shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard BS 3998:1989 'Recommendations for Treework'.
3. The works hereby approved shall be carried out within 12 months of the date of this decision.
4. 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.





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ORDNANCE SURVEY
MAPPING IS BASED UPON
THE ORDNANCE SURVEY
MAP WITH THE SANCTION
OF THE CONTROLLER OF
H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE.
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*Map referred to in
the Borough Council of Dudley*
**Hawkestone, Moss Grove,
Kingswinford (D429)**

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grid ref:
886 889
scale:
1:1250
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A:2182

FIRST SCHEDULE

<u>NO. ON MAP</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
T1	Sycamore)	
T2	Sycamore)	
T3	Cherry)	
T4	Myrobalan Plum)	
T5	Holly)	
T6	Maple)	"Hawkestone"
T7	Cypress)	Moss Grove
T8	Holly)	Kingswinford
T9	Holly)	
T10	Cypress)	
T11	Irish Yew)	
T12	Magnolia)	