

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER: P08/1181

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	KINGSWINFORD SOUTH
Applicant	Mrs Margaret Siviter
Location:	78, LAWSWOOD ROAD, WORDSLEY, STOURBRIDGE, DY8 5NT
Proposal	FELL 1 NO. LIME TREE (T31)
Recommendation Summary:	REFUSE

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The tree subject to this application is a mature lime tree that is situated in the side garden of 78 Lawnswood Road. The property is located adjacent to the junction of Cot Lane and Lawnswood Road, and due to its prominence the tree provides a high amount of amenity to the area.

PROPOSAL

2. Summary of proposals for the works on the protected trees is as follows:
 - Fell 1 lime tree
3. The tree is marked on the attached plan.

HISTORY

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

<i>Site History</i>		
Application No	98/51599	26/11/98
Proposal	Lift one lime tree	Approved with conditions
Application No	2008/0735	24/06/08
Proposal	Prune 3 Lime trees	Approved with conditions

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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

ASSESSMENT

6.

Tree(s) Appraisal

Criteria	Tree 1
TPO No	T31
Species	Lime
Height	10m
Spread	6m
Diameter	450mm
Form	Moderate – old pollard
Vigour	Good
Approx Age	Mature
Pests / Diseases	None evident
Canopy	Good
% Deadwood	3%
Cavities	None Evident
Bark	Good
Roots	Moderate - adjacent retaining wall
Overall Health	Good
Visibility	High
Amenity Value	High

Further Assessment

7. The applicant has proposed to fell the trees as they have concerns over the health of the tree following recent pruning work.
8. Approval was recently granted for the 30% crown reduction of trees on the property. During the carrying out of this works the tree surgeon highlighted a large dead branch in the tree subject to this application. The tree surgeons also informed the applicant that they considered the tree to be diseased.

9. On inspection the tree was found to be in a reasonable state of health, with no major defects. The large piece of deadwood that the tree surgeon removed from the tree was considered to be characteristic of lime trees, especially ones that have been previously pollarded. It was not considered to be symptomatic of further dysfunction in the tree and nor was it considered to be significant in terms of the structural safety of the tree.
10. The remainder of the tree appeared to be generally healthy, and no symptoms of any disease or major defect could be found.
11. The tree is located adjacent to a busy traffic junction, and is prominent in its own right and also as a wider linear feature of mature trees. As such the tree is considered to provide a high amount of amenity to the surrounding area. As such it is not considered that sufficient justification, or evidence has been submitted to warrant the removal of the tree or the detrimental impact on the amenity of the area.

CONCLUSION

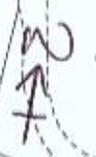
12. The lime tree subject to this application is considered to be in a reasonable state of health with no major defects. On inspection no symptoms of disease could be identified, and the large piece of deadwood that was found in the crown of the tree is considered to be normal in lime trees of this age.
13. Due to the high amenity value of this tree it is not considered that the appropriate justification of the removal of the tree has been provided and therefore it is recommended that the application should be refused.

RECOMMENDATION

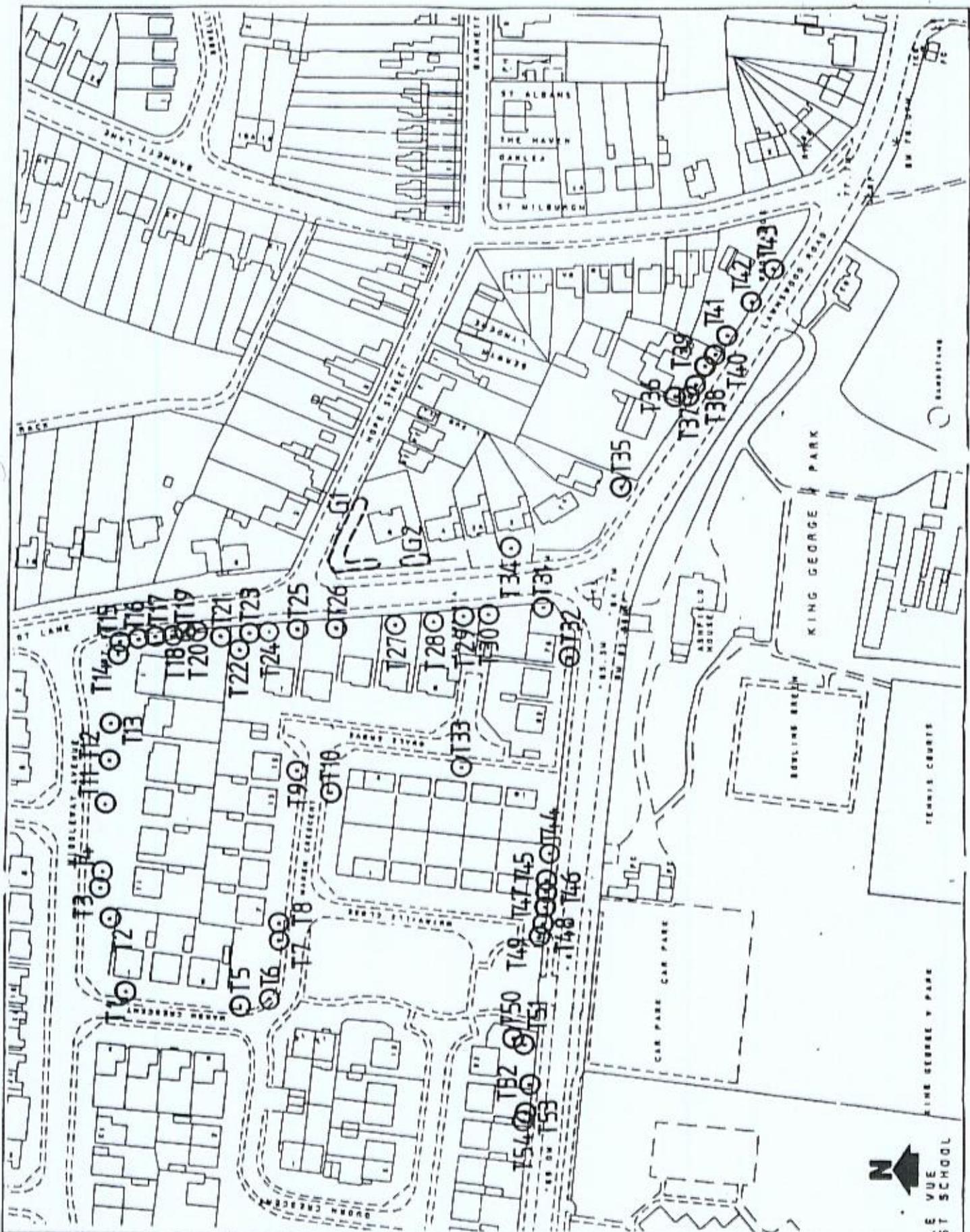
14. It is recommended that application is refused subject to the reasons set out below.

Conditions and/or reasons:

1. The tree provides a high amount of amenity to the surrounding area and users of Lawnswood Road and Cot Lane. The reasons for the application and the supporting information do not sufficiently justify the detrimental affect on the local amenity that would result from the proposed felling.



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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

Map referred to in
the Borough Council of Dudley

**Cot Lane,
Wordsley**

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grid ref: **884 870**

scale: **1:1250**

drp. no.:

SCHEDULE OF TREES.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
T1	Mountain Ash	1, Marsh Crescent, Wordsley.
T2	Sycamore	1, Marsh Crescent, Wordsley.
T3	Oak	11, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T4	Oak	11, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T5	Beech	5, Marsh Crescent, Wordsley.
T6	Red Maple	5, Marsh Crescent, Wordsley.
T7	Oak	5, Marsh Crescent, Wordsely.
T8	Mountain Ash	7, Marsh Crescent, Wordsley.
T9	Mountain Ash	15, Marsh Crescent, Wordsley.
T10	Oak	2, Quayle Grove, Wordsley.
T11	Birch	7, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T12	Lime	5, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T13	Lime	3, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T14	Lime	1, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T15	Horse chestnut	1, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T16	Lime	1, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T17	Lime	1, Middleway Avneue, Wordsley.
T18	Lime	1, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T19	Lime	1, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T20	Lime	1, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T21	Horse chestnut	1, Middleway Avenue, Wordsley.
T22	Lime	1, Quayle Grove, Wordsley.
T23	Lime	1, Quayle Grove, Wordsley.
T24	Lime	1, Quayle Grove, Wordsley.
T25	Lime	1, Quayle Grove, Wordsley.
T26	Horse chestnut	3, Quayle Grove, Wordsley.
T27	Lime	7, Quayle Grove, Wordsley.
T28	Lime	9, Quayle Grove, Wordsley.
T29	Lime	9, Quayle Grove, Wordsley.
T30	Lime	78, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.
T31	Lime	78, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.
T32	Lime	78, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.
T33	Birch	6, Quayle Grove, Wordsley.
T34	False Acacia	2, Cot Lane, Wordsley.
T35	Lime	72, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.
T36	Lime	68, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.
T37	Lime	68, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.
T38	Lime	68, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.
T39	Pine	66, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.
T40	Pine	66, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley.
T41	Pine	"Woodlands", Barnett Lane, Wordsley.
T42	Pine	"Woodlands", Barnett Lane, Wordsley.
T43	Beech	"Woodlands", Barnett Lane, Wordsley.

T44	Lime	9, Muirville Close, Wordsley.
T45	Lime	9, Muirville Close, Wordsley.
T46	Horse chestnut	9, Muirville Close, Wordsley.
T47	Lime	9, Muirville Close, Wordsley.
T48	Chestnut spp	9, Muirville Close, Wordsley.
T49	Lime	9, Muirville Close, Wordsley.
T50	Holly	28, Quorn Crescent, Wordsley.
T51	Holly	28, Quorn Crescent, Wordsley.
T52	Holly	28, Quorn Crescent, Wordsley.
T53	Cypress	26, Quorn Crescent, Wordsley.
T54	Cypress	

Groups

G1	5 Cypress, 4 Limes	6, Cot Lane, Wordsley.
G2	3 Cypress	6, Cot Lane, Wordsley.