

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER: P08/1178

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	AMBLECOTE
Applicant	Mr Ian Wray
Location:	5, MARYLEBONE CLOSE, AMBLECOTE, STOURBRIDGE, DY8 4PY
Proposal	FELL 1 NO. SYCAMORE TREE
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The tree subject to this application is an mature sycamore that is located in the rear garden of 5 Marylebone Close. The tree is only small and not prominent in from any place of public vantage. As such tree only has a low amenity value.

PROPOSAL

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

HISTORY

4. There have been three previous Tree Preservation Order applications on this site.

<i>Site History</i>		
Application No	P02/0805	25/04/02
Proposal	Reduce crown of sycamore tree	Approved with conditions
Application no	P07/0607	22/05/07
Proposal	Prune 1 sycamore Tree	Approved with conditions.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

5. No representations were received.

ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

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Criteria	Tree 1
TPO no.	T5
Species	Sycamore
Height	6m
Spread	4m
Diameter	250mm
Form	Poor – poor previous reduction
Vigour	Moderate
Approx Age	Early Mature
Pests / Diseases	None evident.
Canopy	Poor – poor previous works
% Deadwood	5%
Cavities	at old pruning wounds – currently decaying further down into main stem
Bark	Good
Roots	Good
Overall Health	Moderate / Poor
Visibility	Low
Amenity Value	Low

Further Assessment

7. The tree subject to this application is an early mature sycamore tree that is situated in the rear garden of 5 Marylebone Close. The tree is small in stature and not prominent from any place of public vantage.
8. The applicant would like to fell the tree, as they feel that the tree is unsuitable for its locations in a residential rear garden.
9. In 2007 an application to prune the tree was approved. This application was submitted in order to remedy the effects of some poor pruning (following TPO approval) that had previously been carried out in 2002. The pruning in 2002 had left

the tree in a “topped” state with decay progressing down the main scaffold limbs. At this time it was suggested to the applicant that they should consider the removal and replacement of the tree, as this would have better served the long term amenity of the area. However at this time the applicant’s wanted to keep the tree.

10. On in section the tree is in a moderate state of health, and has produced a reasonable crop of bush growth following the last pruning. However due to the defence reactions of sycamores, it is likely that decay of the scaffold limbs will reoccur and that regular re-toppings of the tree will be required. Ultimately this will result in a tree that will never provide any useful amenity to the area, and it is recommended that the tree is felled and a more appropriate replacement is planted. Whilst the applicant obviously has concerns about the size of the tree in relation to the garden, with judicious species choice, and more fastigate species could provide amenity to the area without having a necessarily overbearing impact on the garden.

CONCLUSION

11. The tree subject to this application is an early mature sycamore tree that is located in the rear garden of 5 Marylebone close. The tree has been subjected to poor pruning the past that has resulted in a need for regular pruning to prevent the spread of significant decay throughout the scaffold limbs of the tree. As such the tree will never provide any useful amenity to the area.
12. The applicant has proposed to fell the tree, and it is considered that the felling of the tree with an appropriate replacement tree would best serve the long term amenity of the area. As such it is recommended that the application is approved.

RECOMMENDATION

13. 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.
3. A replacement trees 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 trees shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning authority prior to the felling of the trees to which this application relates.

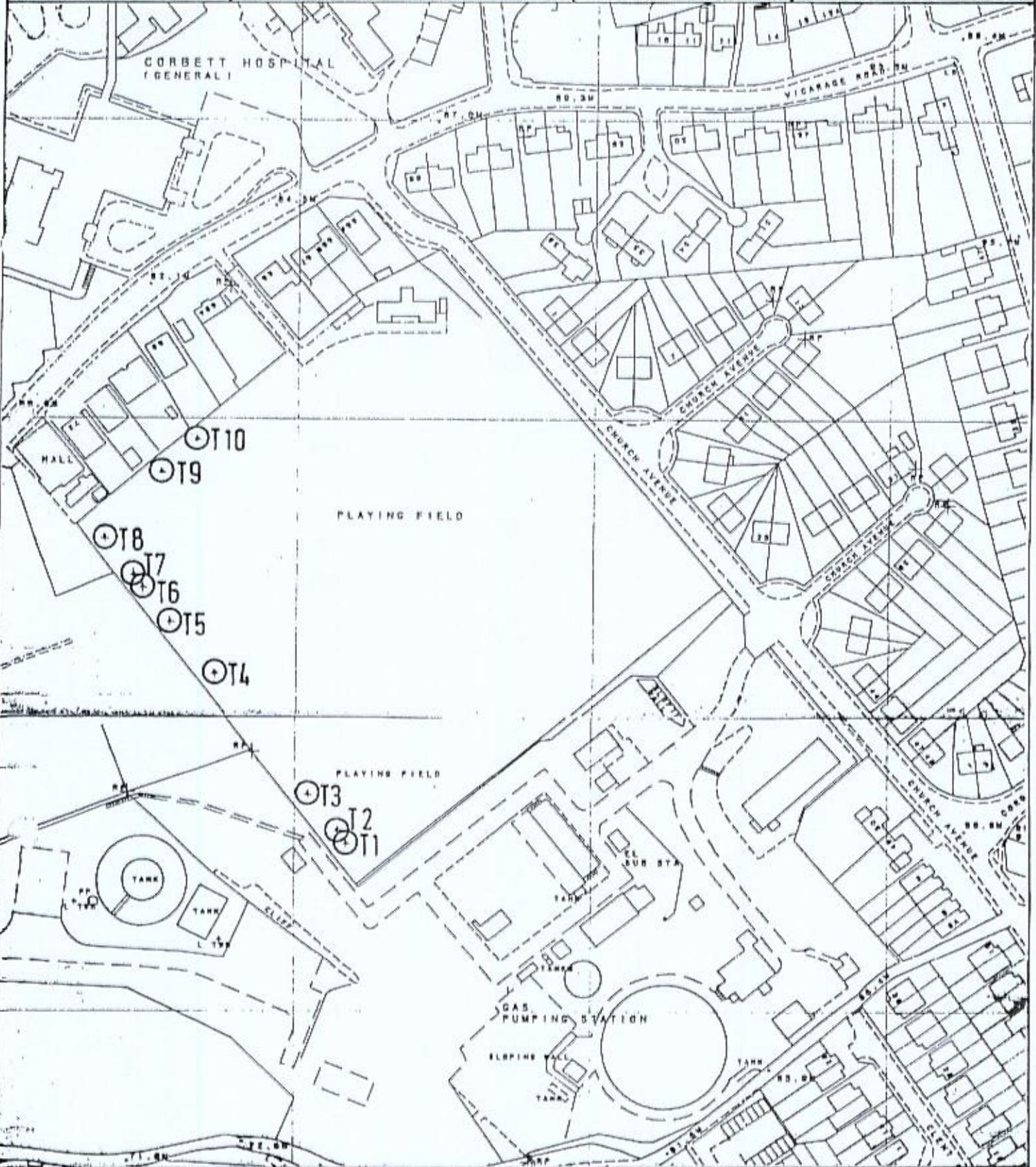


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Map referred to in THE BOROUGH of DUDLEY
 CRICKETERS GREEN, AMBLECOTE.
 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 1988

FIRST SCHEDULEProposed Preservation of Trees at Cricketers Green,
Amblecote, Stourbridge

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
T1	Ash	Plot 29, 30 Cricketers Green, Amblecote
T2	Mountain Ash	Plot 30 " "
T3	Mountain Ash	Plot 31 " "
T4	Ash	Plot 36 " "
T5	Sycamore	Plot 38 " "
T6	Mountain Ash	Plot 39 " "
T7	Ash	" " "
T8	Ash	Plot 40 " "
T9	Ash	Plot 42 " "
T10	Ash	Plot 43 " "