

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P08/0550

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| Type of approval sought | Tree Preservation Order |
| Ward | BROCKMOOR AND PENSNETT |
| Applicant | Mrs Sarah Harris |
| Location: | 31, THE PLANTATION, PENSNETT, BRIERLEY HILL, DY5 4RT |
| Proposal | PRUNE THREE NO. TREES IN GARDEN |
| Recommendation Summary: | APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS |

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D003 (1960) – W3

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The trees subject to this application are two small lilac trees and a small elder tree that are situated in the rear garden of 31 The Plantation. Due to the small size of the trees they provide little in the way of amenity to the surrounding area.

PROPOSAL

2. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:

- Prune 3 trees.

3. The tree has been marked on the attached plan.

HISTORY

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

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| <i>Site History</i> | | |
| Application No | P07/0786 | 12/06/07 |
| Proposal | Fell 1 Sycamore | Approved With Conditions |
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| Application No | P04/0098 | 18/01/07 |
| Proposal | Prune 1 Sycamore Tree | Withdrawn |
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| Application No | 81/50230 | 04/02/81 |
| Proposal | Felling of lime tree and crown raising and thinning of sycamore tree | Approved with conditions |

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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

ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

| Criteria | Tree 1 | Tree 2 | Tree 3 |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| TPO No | W3 | W3 | W3 |
| Species | Lilac | Elder | Lilac |
| Height | 5m | 5m | 5m |
| Spread | 3m | 2.5m | 3m |
| Diameter | 200mm | 150mm | 150mm |
| Form | Moderate | Poor | Poor |
| Vigour | Good | Poor | Poor |
| Approx Age | Early Mature | Early Mature | Early Mature |
| Pests / Diseases | None Evident | None Evident | None Evident |
| Canopy | Moderate | Moderate | Poor |
| % Deadwood | 1% | 15% | 10% |
| Cavities | None evident | None Evident | None Evident |
| Bark | Good | Good | Good |
| Roots | Good | Good | Good |
| Overall Health | Good | Moderate | Moderate |
| Visibility | Moderate / Low | Moderate / Low | Moderate / Low |
| Amenity Value | Low | Low | Low |

Further Assessment

6. The trees subject to this application are two lilac trees and an elder tree that are situated in the rear garden of 31 The Plantation. The trees provide a low amount of

amenity to the surrounding area as they are not particularly visible or prominent from any public vantage.

7. The applicant has proposed to prune the trees as part of the general management of the trees and to reduce the overhang into their neighbour's garden.
8. On inspection the trees were found to be in a moderate state of health, with no major defects however trees 2 and 3 were showing symptoms of some reduce vigour. Overall the trees were considered to provide little to the amenity of the area. If pruned all three trees are of a species that will respond vigorously, and as such any appropriate pruning will not have any detrimental impact on the health of the trees.
9. It is considered that a 30% crown reduction would be justified, as it will allow the trees to be maintained, whilst maintaining their health, and preserve any future amenity that the trees may provide.

CONCLUSION

10. The trees subject to this application are two lilac trees and an elder tree that are located in the rear garden of 31 The Plantation. The trees are partially visible from the public open space the borders onto the back of the property, and due to this limited visibility only provide a low amount of amenity to the surrounding area.
11. On inspection it was considered that a 30% crown reduction to the trees would be justified, as it would maintain their health, whilst preserving any future amenity that the trees may provide.

RECOMMENDATION

12. 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– Lilac – Crown reduce by no more than 30%. All works are to leave a healthy and well balanced crown.
T2– Elder – Crown reduce by no more than 30%. All works are to leave a healthy and well balanced crown.
T3– Lilac – Crown reduce by no more than 30%. 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.



D003

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

BRIERLEY HILL URBAN DISTRICT

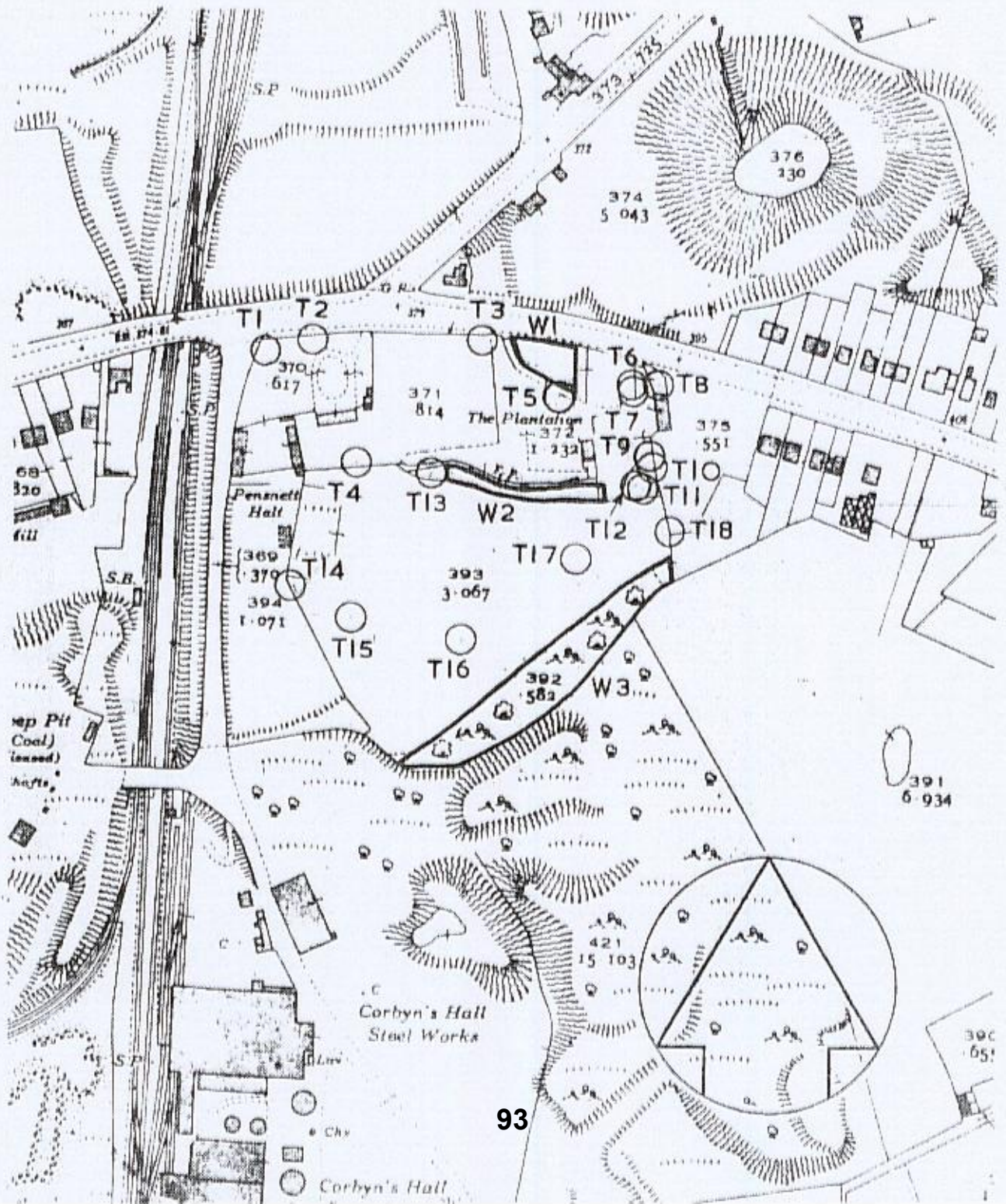
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ORDNANCE SHEET — STAFFORDSHIRE LXVII. 14

REVISION OF 1937

SCALE : 1/2500



FIRST SCHEDULE

NOTE: All the trees, groups of trees and woodlands described in this schedule are situate in the parish of Pensnett in Brierley Hill Urban District. All plot numbers referred to are Ordnance Survey plot numbers on 25 inch sheet Staffordshire LXVII.14 Revision of 1937

TREES SPECIFIED INDIVIDUALLY
(encircled in black on the map.)

| <u>No. on Map</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Situation</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| T1 | Pear | In Plot No. 370 |
| T2 | Lime | -ditto- |
| T3 | Sycamore | In Plot No. 371 |
| T4 | Pear | -ditto- |
| T5 | Cherry | In Plot No. 372 |
| T6 | Sycamore | -ditto- |
| T7 | Sycamore | -ditto- |
| T8 | Sycamore | -ditto- |
| T9 | Thorn | -ditto- |
| T10 | Lime | -ditto- |
| T11 | Sycamore | -ditto- |
| T12 | Elm | -ditto- |
| T13 | Turkey oak | -ditto- |
| T14 | Thorn | On boundary between Plot Nos. 393 and 394 |
| T15 | Birch | In Plot No. 393 |
| T16 | Beech | -ditto- |
| T17 | Sycamore | -ditto- |
| T18 | Sycamore | On boundary between Plot Nos. 375 and 393 |

TREES SPECIFIED BY REFERENCE TO AN AREA
(within a dotted black line on the map.)

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GROUPS OF TREES
(within a broken black line on the map.)

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WOODLANDS
(within a continuous black line on the map.)

| <u>No. on Map.</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Situation</u> |
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| W1 | Mixed broadleaved woodland consisting mainly of sycamore, horse chestnut, elm, cherry and copper beech | Plot No. 372 (part) |
| W2 | Narrow belt of mixed broadleaved woodland consisting mainly of Turkey oak with some lime, ash and sycamore | Plot No. 372 (part) |
| W3 | Mixed broadleaved woodland consisting mainly of lime, sycamore and thorn with some beech | 94 Plot Nos. 392 (part) and 393 (part) |