

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P07/0063

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	Sedgley
Applicant	Matt Vaughan, Dudley MBC
Location:	6 - 7 UPLANDS DRIVE, DUDLEY, DY3 3SL
Proposal	PRUNE 1 LIME TREE
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D698 (2002) – T31

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The tree subject to this application is a mature lime tree that is located in the front garden of 6 Uplands Drive, Sedgley. The tree is situated adjacent to a public highway, is prominent within the area and has a high amenity value.
2. The property in which the tree is situated is council owned.

PROPOSAL

3. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
 - Prune 1 Lime tree to clear telephone wires.
4. The tree has been marked on the attached plan.

HISTORY

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

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6. No representations have been received.



ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

Criteria	Tree 1
TPO No	T31
Species	Lime
Height	14m
Spread	8m
Diameter	500mm
Form	Good
Vigour	Good
Approx Age	Mature
Pests / Diseases	None evident.
Canopy	Good
% Deadwood	1%
Cavities	None Evident
Bark	Good
Roots	Moderate - Restricted
Overall Health	Good
Visibility	High
Amenity Value	High

Further Assessment

7. The tree subject to this application is a mature lime tree that is situated in the front garden of 6 Uplands Drive. The tree is in a good state of health and provides a high amount of amenity to the surrounding area.
8. The applicant would like to prune the tree to provide clearance from the adjacent telephone wires and to remove the epicormic growth from the main stem and scaffold limbs.
9. On inspection of the tree the amount of work required in order to clear the telephone wires was considered to be minimal, and would not have a significant impact on the tree's health or the amenity that the tree provides to the local area.

10. Also the removal of the epicormic growth is considered to be good management practice and will only benefit the tree in the long term. As such it is considered that the works should be approved.

CONCLUSION

11. The tree subject to this application is a mature lime tree that is located in the front garden of 6 Uplands Drive. The tree is in a good state of health and provides a high amount of amenity to the surrounding area.
12. The applicant would like to prune this tree to clear the adjacent telephone wires and remove the epicormic growth from the main stem and scaffold limbs of the tree.
13. On inspection the proposed works required to clear the telephone wires is only minimal and will not have any impact on the health or amenity that the tree provides.
14. The removal of the epicormic growth is considered to be good practice and will have no detrimental impact on the tree. As such it is recommended that the application is approved

RECOMMENDATION

15. 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 tree is to be inspected for bird nests and any crevices for bats. If any nests are present and disturbance to nesting or fledgling birds are present then works shall not be undertaken between 1st March and 30th August in any year. If bats are present then advice should be sought from English Nature or the local Wildlife Trust.
3. The works hereby approved shall be carried out within 12 months of the date of this decision.