

## **PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P08/0217**

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	HALESOWEN SOUTH
Applicant	Mr & Mrs R J Hill
Location:	<b>36, WAXLAND ROAD, HALESOWEN, HALESOWEN, B63 3DW</b>
Proposal	<b>CROWN LIFT AND CROWN REDUCE 1 NO OAK TREE</b>
Recommendation Summary:	<b>APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS</b>

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D 609 (2000) – T1**

### **SITE AND SURROUNDINGS**

1. The tree subject to this application is a mature oak tree that is located in the rear garden of 36 Waxland Road, Halesowen. Due to the tree's location it has little public visibility, and therefore has a limited amenity value. It is considered that the tree provides a moderate to low amount of public amenity to the surrounding area.

### **PROPOSAL**

2. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
  - Prune 1 Oak 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	P00/50660	27/11/00
Proposal	Fell 7 Ash trees	Approved with conditions
Application No	P00/52079	06/03/01
Proposal	Prune 1 Ash and 1 Oak Tree	Approved with conditions
Application No	P04/0667	09/09/04
Proposal	Prune 1 Oak Tree	Approved with conditions

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

5. Two representations have been received from local residents. One letter objects to any significant reduction in size, however they have no objection to careful pruning to restore a traditional oak tree shape. The other representation objected to the works as they consider them too aggressive, however again they would be happy to see minor pruning of the tree.

## ASSESSMENT

### Tree(s) Appraisal

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Criteria	Tree 1
TPO No	T1
Species	Oak
Height	11m
Spread	9m
Diameter	650mm
Form	Moderate / Good
Vigour	Good
Approx Age	Mature
Pests / Diseases	None Evident

Canopy	Moderate / Good
% Deadwood	1%
Cavities	None Evident
Bark	Good
Roots	Moderate / Good
Overall Health	Good
Visibility	Low
Amenity Value	Moderate / Low

### Further Assessment

7. The applicant, who lives at 23b Fairfield Road, has proposed to prune the tree to improve the overall shape, balance and health of the tree.
8. On inspection the tree was found to be in a reasonable healthy condition with no major defects present. The crown of the tree was found to be unbalanced and hung relatively low on one side of the tree.
9. The proposed crown lift would serve to even up the crown clearance underneath the tree and would improve the tree's visual balance. As such there are no objections to the proposed crown lift.
10. The 15% crown reduction is will serve to reduce the overhanging branches over the rear garden of 23b Fairfield Road. As the proposed works are relatively minor they will have little impact on the health of the tree or the amenity that the tree provides to the area. As such it is considered that it would be inappropriate for the application to be refused.

### **CONCLUSION**

11. The oak tree subject to this location is located in the rear garden of 36 Waxland Road. The tree is mainly screened form public view and only has a moderate to low amount of amenity.
12. The applicant has proposed to crown reduce the tree and crown lift the tree. On inspection the works were considered appropriate as they will have little impact on the health of the tree or the amenity that the tree provides.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

13. 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– Oak – Crown reduce by no more than 15% and crown lift, by the removal of secondary branches only to provide no more than 4 metres clearance above ground level. 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.

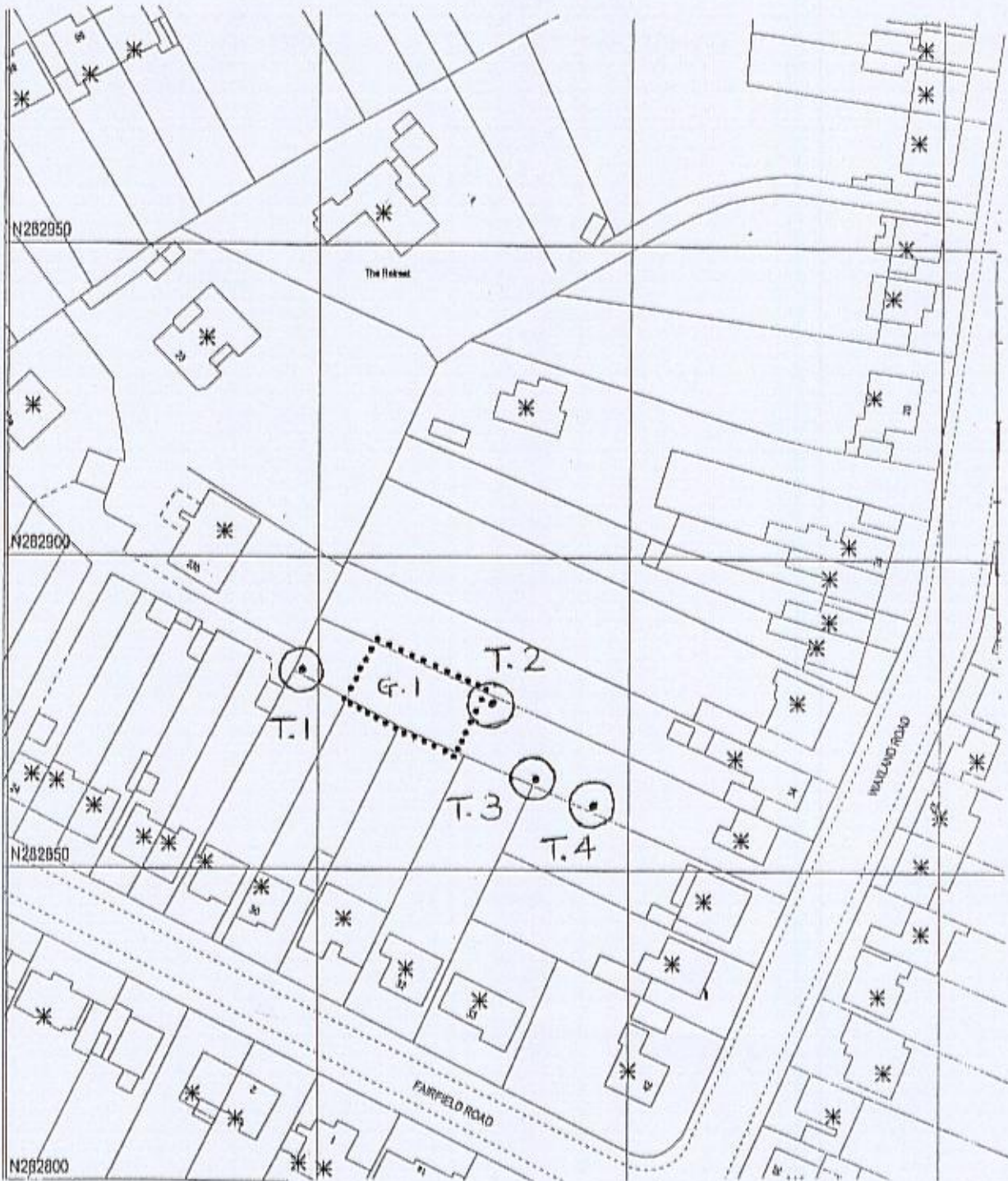


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Map referred to in the Borough Council of Dudley  
 Tree Preservation Order 2000 No D 609  
 36 WAXLAND ROAD, HALESOWEN

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 SANCTION OF THE CONTROLLER OF H M STATIONERY OFFICE .  
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SCHEDULE 1  
SPECIFICATION OF TREES

Reference on Map	Description	Situation
<b>Trees specified individually</b> (Circled in black on the plan)		
T.1	Oak	36 Waxland Road, Halesowen, West Midlands
T.2	Ash	36 Waxland Road, Halesowen West Midlands
T.3	Oak	36 Waxland Road Halesowen West Midlands
T.4	Ash	36 Waxland Road Halesowen West Midlands

**Groups of trees**

(Within the broken line on the plan)

G.1	7 Ash	36 Waxland Road Halesowen West Midlands
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**Trees specified by reference to an area**

(Within the dotted line on the plan)

None

**Woodlands**

(Within the continuous line on the plan)

None

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I wish to make the following comments regarding this application.

You may be aware that without our prior knowledge there has recently taken place devastating vegetation management associated with The Retreat, Waxland Road, Halesowen. This has left the central section of the triangle formed by Waxland Road, Blackberry Lane & Fairfield Road looking pretty devoid of vegetation.

The Oak Tree in question is a very valuable specimen particularly having regard to the foregoing and under no circumstances should it be significantly reduced in size.

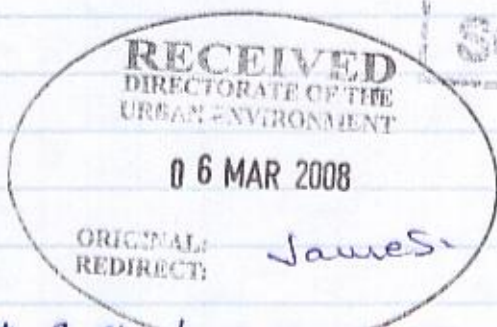
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Dr R H Deeble



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26 Waxland Road  
Halesowen  
West Midlands  
B63 3DW  
3 MARCH 2008



Directorate of The ~~URBAN ENVIRONMENT~~ - DUPLET M.B.C.  
3 ST. James's Road  
Dudley DY1 1HZ.

Dear Sir

Re: PLANNING APPLICATION P08/0217

Tree Preservation Order - Case Officer - MR J. DUNN  
LOCATION 36 Waxland Rd - Halesowen.

I note the applicants proposal to Crown Lift a Crown  
Reduce 1 no Oak Tree.

This tree is a particular fine specimen, and I feel  
that the proposed treatment is Too Severe, and would  
recommend that minor pruning is allowed only.

The rear gardens of Waxland Road, and Fairfield Road  
are 'abundant in tree cover, and therefore abundant in Wildlife.

Just recently the whole of the garden of no 22 Waxland  
Road has been recently CLEAR FELLED with any address  
to the Planning Dept. The 'setting' of the whole area  
has been ruined, and further loss of tree cover will  
prejudice the views once enjoyed. The loss of wildlife is  
also very noticeable.

I think you should restrict any further tree felling  
or reduction, in order to keep the valuable amenity  
value of the whole area, intact & integrated  
as much as possible.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully

R. Burgess

MR R. BURGESS