

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P08/1205

Type of approval sought	Tree Preservation Order
Ward	CASTLE & PRIORY
Applicant	Mr Anthony Speak
Location:	34, PRIORY CLOSE, DUDLEY, DUDLEY, DY1 3ED
Proposal	CROWN REDUCE 2 NO. BEECH TREES AND FELL 1 NO. WHITEBEAM
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO: D 279 (1990) – G2

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The trees subject to this application are a mature Whitebeam and 2 mature beech trees. The trees are located in the rear garden of the property, but are not particularly visible from the surrounding area. As such they only provide a moderate to low amount of amenity to the area.

PROPOSAL

2. Summary of proposals for the works as written on application form is as follows:
 - Fell 1 Whitebeam Tree and prune 2 Beech Trees
3. The trees have 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	P07/0884	10/08/07
Proposal	Prune 1 Whitebeam and 1 Holly tree	Approved with conditions
Application No	P07/0058	01/02/07
Proposal	Prune 2 Beech Trees	Approved with conditions
Application No	00/51110	04/07/00
Proposal	Thinning of all trees in garden subject to a TPO	Approved with conditions

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

5. No representations were received.

ASSESSMENT

Tree(s) Appraisal

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Criteria	Tree 1	Tree 2	Tree 3
TPO no.	G2	G2	G2
Species	Beech	Beech	Whitebeam
Height	16m	16m	7m
Spread	8m	7m	6m
Diameter	700mm	500mm	250mm
Form	Good	Good	Moderate / Poor
Vigour	Moderate	Good	Good
Approx Age	Mature	Mature	Mature
Pests / Diseases	None evident	None evident	None evident.
Canopy	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate / Poor
% Deadwood	1%	1%	3%
Cavities	None Evident	None Evident	None Evident
Bark	Missing patch on main stem	Good	Good
Roots	Good	Good	Good
Overall Health	Good	Good	Good
Visibility	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate / Low
Amenity Value	Moderate / High	Moderate / high	Moderate / Low

Further Assessment

7. The trees subject to this application are a mature white beam tree and 2 mature beech trees. They are located in the rear garden of 34 Priory Close, Dudley. Due to their location and the presence of surrounding trees they are not prominently visible from any public vantage point and as such the white beam only provides a moderate to low amount of amenity to the surrounding area; and the beeches provide a moderate to high amount of amenity to the area.
8. The applicant has proposed to fell the Whitebeam tree, and crown reduce the beech trees. The felling of the whitebeam is proposed as the tree is a poor specimen, and provides little amenity value. The pruning of the beech trees is proposed to reduce the overbearing impact of the trees and reduce any light obstruction.
9. On inspection the Whitebeam tree was found to be in a good condition with no major defects present. The crown of the tree has been suppressed by an adjacent tree that has been long removed. Since the removal of this tree the whitebeam has not developed a full and is not a particular aesthetically pleasing specimen.
10. The tree is not a particularly significant landscape feature within the area and as such it is considered that the felling of the tree with the appropriate replacement would be acceptable. Also due to the age of the adjacent beech trees, by the time they need to be removed the planted replacement tree should provide a substantial amount of amenity to the area, and therefore lessen the impact of their loss.
11. The beech trees are proposed to be crown reduced by 2 metres. The reduction will be carried out utilising the “drop-crotching” technique, which is more suitable to beech trees as it will reduce the amount and size pruning wounds that are left, thereby reducing the detrimental impact on the trees. The 2 metre crown reduction is not considered to be detrimental to the health or amenity value of the trees and it is recommended that the application is approved.

CONCLUSION

12. The Whitebeam and beech trees subject to this application are mature specimens that are located in the rear garden of 34 Priory Close. The trees are only partially visible from areas of public vantage and as such only provide a moderate amount of amenity the location.
13. The applicant would like to fell the Whitebeam and crown reduce the beech trees. The felling of the whitebeam is considered to be justified as the tree has a deformed

crown, and is of little value to the area. The pruning of the beech trees is considered acceptable as the work is only minor and will have little impact on the health and amenity of the trees.

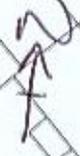
RECOMMENDATION

14. 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.

PO8/205



193m

191.5m

201.5m

Grave Yard

T1 T2 T3

Castle High School
Ministry Aired

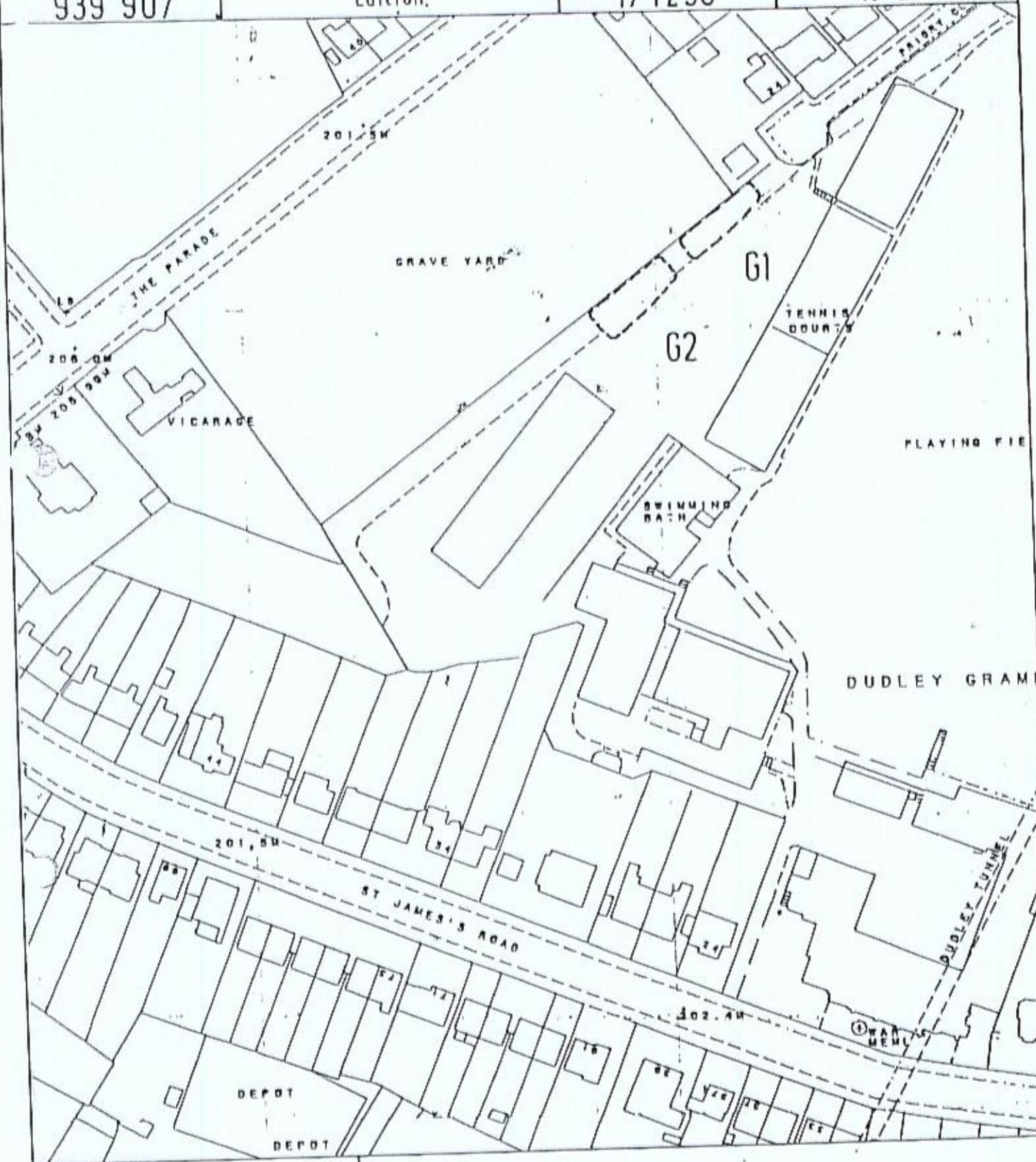
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Map referred to in THE BOROUGH of DUDLEY
DUDLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, PRIORY CLOSE, DUDLEY
 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 1990

FIRST SCHEDULE

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
G.1.	2 Beech, 1 Whitebeam 2 Holly, 1 Hawthorn	Dudley Grammar School adjacent to Priory Close.
G.2.	2 Silverbirch, 5 beech 1 Lime, 3 Holly 1 Whitebeam	Dudley Grammar School adjacent to Priory Close