

Item 8 **08/01246/TPO** **Consent for Tree Works**

Case Officer **Keith Winstanley**

Ward **Euxton South**

Proposal **Pruning of overhanging trees in garden of 18 Casterton Euxton covered by TPO 1 (Euxton) 1971**

Location **18 Casterton Euxton Chorley PR7 6HN**

Applicant **Mr Geoffrey Russell**

Consultation expiry: 23 January 2009

Application expiry: 12 February 2009

As the application has been made by a Councillor, determination must be by the Development Control Committee.

Proposal Pruning of overhanging trees in the garden of 18 Casterton, Euxton, covered by TPO 1 (Euxton) 1971.

Summary The main issues to consider are the impact of the proposed works upon the trees and their future prospects.

Planning Policy EP9: Trees and Woodlands.
Trees and Development SPG

Planning History No relevant planning history.

Applicant's Case The applicant has proposed that this was originally part of a woodland and as such requires routine maintenance on a semi-regular basis. The proposed works are mainly to remove self-seeded understory, clear dead wood and to reduce the length of some overhanging branches into the formal area of the garden while also raising the canopies above head height.

Representations There have been no representations at this time.

Consultations Coal Authority: Standing advice letter.

Assessment Policy EP9 of the Local Plan states that proposals which would result in the loss of trees, woodland area or hedgerows which make a valuable contribution to the character of the landscape will not be permitted. The proposed works do not contravene this.
The TPO was placed when the site was being developed and was to protect the trees from the developer.
The works are relatively minor and should be without detriment to the area.

Conclusion In conclusion, none of the proposed works are of a major type and are achievable without long-term harm to the trees.

Recommendation: Consent for Tree Works

Conditions:

1. The tree works for which consent is hereby granted are only as specified in the following. The trees are referenced as in the application: -
Tree No. 1 – Remove two overhanging limbs from sycamore;
Tree No. 2 – Lift crown of sycamore tree to approximately 3.5m;
Tree No. 3 – Lift crown of beech tree to 3.5m;
Tree No. 4 – Remove the ends of the oak tree branches and cut back 3m, and
Area No. 5 – Remove self-seeded trees on southern boundary of TPO area from pumping station to eastern boundary of 18 Casterton.

Reason: To define the consent, to safeguard the appearance and health of the trees and in accordance with Policy Nos.EP9 and HT9 of the Adopted Chorley Borough Local Plan Review.
