

Comments on Tree Applications, January, 2017

8 Duncote Close T16/0320:

Proposal: to remove the lower sucker branches of a lime and to selectively prune. The tree is adjacent to the front entrance.

Comment: this tree has a significant amount of epicormic growth due to the way it has been pollarded in the past. We have no objection to the removal of some of this to encourage a better form. However given that it is covered by a TPO we do not consider that the application contains sufficient detail. There is a danger that cutting back the growth too much could perpetuate the problem.

2 South Bank CA16/0323:

Proposal:

- i. to fell a dying pear behind the garage
- ii. to prune a cherry which has grown unevenly to a more compact shape
- iii. to remove a large side bough from an ash which is overhanging South Bank
- iv. to trim a cypress which is overhanging South Bank

Comment: we have no objection to any of this work however we consider it will be difficult to satisfactorily trim the cypress and would suggest as an alternative that the cypress is removed and the bough from the ash retained.

52 Poplar Road T16/0326:

Proposal:

Front garden

- i. to crown lift two hollies over driveway
- ii. to crown lift and thin a mature holly over driveway
- iii. to crown lift two yews over driveway
- iv. to prune the beech hedge on to Poplar Road
- v. to rebalance the crown of the cherry adjacent to the beech hedge
- vi. to remove the top of a conifer to its secondary crown
- vii. to remove a dead stem adjacent to this conifer

Side garden

- viii. to pull back sycamore from adjoining property away from garage roof.

Rear garden

- ix. prune bay away from summer house roof
- x. trim two conifers adjacent to summer house

Comment: we have no objection to any of this work as we recognise that it brings a rather crowded and overgrown garden into better shape. We would suggest however that the conifer (vi) is removed which will enable other trees to develop a better form.

4 Rathmore Drive T16/0334

Proposal:

i. to remove a large south facing limb and two smaller limbs to reshape the crown of a lime.

ii. to reshape a badly pruned cherry.

Both trees are in the rear garden.

Comment: we have no objection to this work provided the overhang to Village Road is maintained. It will be difficult to reshape the cherry given that it has been badly pruned in the past and therefore would have no objection to its removal.

3 Rathmore Drive T16/0335

Proposal: to remove the south facing stem of a multi stemmed sycamore in the rear garden and two other smaller branches to help to balance the crown.

Comment: we have no objection to this work provided the overhang to Village Road is largely retained.

5 Rathmore Drive T17/0003

Proposal: to cut back a sycamore in the rear garden, but overhanging Village Road, by 20%.

Comment: this is an important tree and we would wish to see the overhang of Village Road retained. However we do not consider that given the tree is protected by a TPO there is sufficient detail in the application. The reduction by 20% could potentially be harmful to the overall form of the tree.

1 Fairclough Lane T17/0004

Proposal: to reduce the height of two large conifers in the rear garden which are on the boundary with 7A Village Road

Comment: these trees are not visible from a publicly accessible place, we therefore offer no comment.