

Tree Group Comments November and December 2018

The Society submitted comments on tree applications as follows:

12a Rose Mount CA/18/0259

Proposal: Pollard eucalyptus to improve light into owner's and neighbour's gardens

Comment: A tall and imposing tree clearly visible from the adjacent roads and further afield within the conservation area. We appreciate that it is now a large tree for its position between two rows of house but feel that formal pollarding would make the tree no longer the imposing feature it is in the urban landscape. Suggest more measured crown reduction and/or thinning of up to 30% as compromise to improve light whilst retaining overall impact of tree.

25 Newburns Lane CA/18/0221

Proposal: Crown lift 15% total foliage on holly to allow more light to property. Heavily reduce mature laurel leaning against property. Heavily reduce line of laurels to previous form as a hedge. Fell mature willow to allow more light into garden.

Comment: No objections to proposals. Holly and willow not visible from public space.

2 Mount Pleasant CA/18/0226

Proposal: Reduce crown of copper beech by 2 metres and thin by 20%

Comment: This is a mature tree in a dominant position. Work is obviously needed as branches overhang the road and interfere with telephone cables, but will need to be done sympathetically and professionally. No comment can be made until we are made aware of the exact nature of the intended work, which is not clear from the application.

32 Birch Road CA/18/0227

Proposal: Fell willow (?) close to house as branches knock against wall

Comment: This is a tree of uncertain type, possibly a type of privet which is a remnant of a former hedge. No objection to removal.

10 Victoria Mount CA/18/0253

Proposal: Remove three older unmanaged apple trees and replace with three new varieties.

Comment: Trees do not appear visible from the road. Well accepted that fruit trees have relatively short life span, no objection to removal and replacement.

1 Spring Villas CA/18/0255

Proposal: Fell poorly pruned unattractive cherry tree and replace with Sorbus (mountain ash)

Comment: Relatively small tree with some branches with little leaf cover. No objection to proposal.

16 Poplar Road CA/18/0256

Proposal: Fell fir tree blocking light to adjacent property

Comment: The tree appears to have overgrown the relatively small area of garden. No objection to removal.