

## Tree group comments on applications May and June 2019

### **12 Claughton Firs T/18/0058 (follow-up)**

*Proposal:* Permission was granted in 2018 to remove a pollarded Lime tree, covered by a Tree Preservation Order and replant with a *Pyrus calleryana* Chanticleer

*Comment:* The tree was felled in 2018 but no replacement has been planted and shrubs have been planted instead leaving no space for a replacement tree. The Tree Group has asked for help of Councillor Allan Brame in encouraging the council tree preservation officer to contact the property owners to ensure compliance with the terms of the TPO.

### **18 Arno Road T/19/0101**

*Proposal:* Application to fell the sycamore tree in front of the house

*Comment:* The Society would raise no objection to this application. The area of garden is relatively small and is raised above the roadway. Hence, this area of garden is enclosed by a wall which is showing signs of damage and it would be appropriate to replace the tree with a more suitable species for that situation.

### **36 Shrewsbury Road T/19/0116**

*Proposal:* Three trees in front garden to be cut back and taken down by about a third. Tree in garden of no 38, cut back overhanging branches.

*Comment:* The three trees in the garden of 36 appear to be a Horse Chestnut, a Lime and a Sycamore. They are mature trees with a significant presence in the street. We would suggest that some more minor crown thinning along with crown lifting to remove the low hanging branches would be appropriate. A one third reduction in size would be too severe in our opinion. The tree in property 38 Shrewsbury Road lies outside the Conservation Area so we have no comments to make regarding this tree.

### **22 Rose Mount CA/19/0099**

*Proposal:* Request, following professional advice, to pollard the Willow tree at bottom of back garden.

*Comment:* The Oxton Society would not object to this application. This mature tree has a number of visible dead branches and has dead areas on its trunk.

### **8 Templemore Road CA/19/0103**

*Proposal:*

1. Fell conifer near front door and impeding pathway
2. Reduce height of conifer in back garden to 6 feet and reduce spread
3. Reduce height of *Leylandii* forming hedge in rear garden to 6 feet

*Comment:*

1. Tree very close to house entrance and pathway; removal seems sensible as tree had no great amenity value
2. Tree hardly visible from road. No objections.
3. Hedge not visible from road. Sensible maintenance work.

### **37 Village Road CA/19/0122**

*Proposal:* Large conifer in front garden. Remove as unsightly and thinning at ground level. Replace with hedge

*Comment:* This tree has little amenity value and we agree with its removal.

**29 Templemore Road CA/19/0124**

*Proposal:* Crown lifting 10-15% only a Lime tree in front garden, removing lower spindly branches

*Comment:* A large impressive mature Lime tree that has developed numerous spindly branches at a low level since previous crown raising several years ago. We agree with proposed minor tidying up of this tree.

**17 Templemore Road CA/19/0152**

*Proposal:* Malus. Oak tree overhanging neighbour's property causing blockage to drains. Remove overhanging branches.

*Comment:* We are happy with removal of these few branches that overhang and are very close to 41 Rathmore Road.

**38 Christchurch Road CA/19/0157**

*Proposal:*

1. Ash tree causing shade and growing into overhead phone lines. Fell.
2. Cherry tree next to Ash. Minor reduction to avoid phone line.

*Comment:*

1. Ash tree has been previously pollarded and is of little inherent amenity value. It is hardly visible from Christchurch Road. We are happy with its removal as this may enhance the growth of the adjacent Cherry.
2. Removal of lateral branch along with deadwood, as discussed with applicant, would be reasonable.