

Tree Group comments on applications January and February 2020

7 Talbot Road CA/20/0002

Proposal: Conifer rear garden. Fell as outgrown position and close to wall and neighbour's property

Comment: We support this application as the tree is not visible from the road and has clearly outgrown the position in the garden.

36 Glenmore Road CA/20/0004

Proposal:

1. Cherry rear garden. Re-pollard as overgrown, overshadowing garden and close to roof
2. Norway spruce rear garden. Fell as poor amenity value
3. Scots pine rear garden. Fell as dead
4. Rowan front garden. Fell as undermining party wall

Comment:

1. Now a very large tree. Agree with crown reduction of about one third to points of previous pruning.
2. A thin spindly tree of little amenity value. Agree with removal
3. Tree clearly dead so remove.
4. A small but pleasantly shaped mature tree. It would be a shame to lose this tree. There does not appear to be major damage from the tree to the party wall to our untrained eyes. It would be helpful if the council tree preservation officer could assess and advise. If this tree is removed we have suggested the applicants consider approaching the Oxton Society Tree Fund to support a replacement at the opposite side of the front garden.

63 Birch Rd/16 Croft Edge CA/20/0010

Proposal: To reduce height of 3 leylandii by two thirds.

Comment: No objections to this work being carried out.

10 Duncote Close CA/20/0015

Proposal: Beech Tree -height reduction to 60ft. and reduce spread by 20ft.

Comment: No objection to this application

Roslin Court CA/20/0018

Proposal: Crown lifting of lower branches to a mature beech.

Comment: No objection to this work being carried out

18 Birch Road CA/20/0020

Proposal: Application to reduce overhanging branches by 30%.

Comment: No objection to this work being carried out

42 Poplar Road CA/20/0027

Proposal: Application to reduce the height of a Laurel by one third.

Comment: No objection to this work being carried out.

28 Arno Road T/20/0036

Proposal: Fell Horse Chestnut. Increasing splits in bark and loss of branches since previous application in 2018

Comment: This tree is the first in a line of trees covered by TPOs. A previous application to fell was rejected by the council tree officer on the grounds that, although diseased, progression may be slow and recovery was possible. In view of the apparent deterioration we would appreciate the expert advice of the council tree officer and/or a qualified tree surgeon to determine if there is now significant disease requiring felling.

If the disease is spreading, we would not object in principle to the loss of this tree as there is another better-looking specimen tree within the front garden of the property which may flourish if the diseased tree is removed.