Tree Report

Tree group comments on applications May-June 2025

41 Christchurch Road CA/25/00675

Proposal

Remove large Sycamore as roots destabilising wall to adjacent property and concerns if tree fell would fall onto higher wall and properties nearby in The Firs.

Oxton Society Comment

This is a mature, healthy looking, Sycamore in the rear garden which is not clearly visible from a public space. It is sited close to and above a sandstone wall with a drop into the garden of the next-door property. This wall has had repairs in recent times. We are not qualified to assess or comment on how likely further damage to this wall is to occur.

Further away is the higher boundary wall to The Firs.

The applicant has advised us that she is now considering crown reduction of the tree by about 50% rather than removal of the tree as she feels this may reduce any stresses on the wall. We would be happy with this proposal but if further, more extensive damage to the adjacent wall were to occur then felling may be necessary.

Council response

None received

7 Kent Street CA/25/00745

Proposal

Prune an oak tree, a willow and a fir tree

Having met with the applicant he has explained in more detail the proposals.

Crown raise Oak where overhanging neighbour's garden

Reduce in height by approx. 30-50% Willow which has been previously pollarded.

Reduce in height small conifer tree.

Oxton Society Comment

Apart from the Oak these trees are not visible from a public place. We are happy with the proposals.

Council response

No objections

10 Rose Mount CA/25/00709

Proposal

Beech hedge line reduced by 50%

Oxton Society Comment

This is a line of tall closely planted Beech trees that were obviously originally a hedge. They have been allowed to grow tall and spindly along the boundary with the next property. We agree that reduction in height is a sensible move. There are

several other mature

trees at the property and there will be no effect on the overall treescape with this

work being undertaken

Council response

No objections

5 Parrs Road CA/25/00785

Proposal

Holly reduction 3 m. Hawthorn reduction 1.5m. Holly removal. Cherry reduction 1.5m

Bay removal. Conifer reduction 3m, Conifer removal, Hedge conifer removal, Apple reduction 1.5m

Oxton Society Comment

We are happy with the proposed management of these trees. None of them have any great amenity value and those in the rear garden are only partially visible from Parrs Road or Arno Road.

No objection to removal of the Holly and Conifers.

Council response

No objections

35 Fairview Road CA/25/00805

Proposal

Apple and Pear; crown reduction, Magnolia: crown reduction, Holly: crown reduction and shaping,

Sycamore: remove

Oxton Society Comment

We are happy with the proposed management of these trees which are only partially visible from the road.

The Sycamore is self-seeded and of little amenity value. We are happy with its removal which will allow adjacent the Holly and Hawthorn to flourish.

Council response

No objections

30 Fairview Road CA/25/00855

Proposal

Sycamore front garden; fell

Oxton Society Comment

This is a large Sycamore adjacent to the front wall. It is clearly diseased with a large fungal growth on the main trunk. The bark is in poor condition and there are several dead branches and branches with very poor leaf cover higher up.

We agree that removal of this tree is indicated. We would encourage the property owner to plant a specimen tree as a replacement, slightly further from the wall, that in due course will maintain the greenery along Fairview Road.

Council response

No objections

10 Victoria Mount CA/25/00900

Proposal

Crown reduce by 1m approx. x7 trees in rear garden

Oxton Society Comment

None of these trees are visible from the street so we have no objection to the proposed works.

Council response

No objections

47 Rose Mount T/25/00872

Proposal

Remove lower overhanging branches of Holm Oak and 2x Lime all covered by a TPO

Cut back and shape a neglected Holly; not covered by the TPO

All these trees are in the garden of 6 Mount Pleasant but overhang 47 Rose Mount.

Oxton Society Comment

The lower branches of these trees are not visible from the street so we have no objection to these works.

Council response

No objection.

27 Storeton Road CA/25/00943

Proposal

Remove 2 trees rear garden

Oxton Society Comment

There is an upright conifer in the rear garden not visible from the road. No objection to its removal.

A multi-stemmed large shrub/small tree sits close to the sandstone boundary wall of the adjacent property. Although visible from the road it is of little amenity value, and we have no objection to its removal.

We have suggested the applicant consider planting a replacement specimen tree elsewhere in the garden, but further away from the walls.

Council response

No objection.