

Tree Report

Tree group comments on applications July - August 2025

7 Parrs Road

Proposal. Conifer. Remove to ground level

Oxton Society Comment. This conifer is only partly visible from the street and of little overall amenity value. We are happy with it being removed.

Council decision. No objections

58 Birch Road T/25/01110

Proposal. Silver Birch front garden. Remove as diseased and potentially dangerous

Oxton Society Comment

This is a large Silver Birch of some age, part of a collection of trees in the area all covered by a TPO. It is clearly diseased with one major branch having deep fissures within it. There is a large Holly tree quite close to it. We are not qualified to determine if removal is the only option. The applicant's arborist has advised that further pruning/pollarding would not be appropriate. If the council agrees that removal is necessary, we would hope that a replacement could be planted elsewhere in the garden although space for this may be limited.

Council decision

Contribution to Character and appearance: Visible to public. Good amenity value.

Trees Health, condition and appearance: Poor crown structure. Cracks and cavities present. Previous pollarding works have resulted in long, leggy, new growth. Weak unions, could lead to limb failures.

Justification for the works: Poor previous works have left limited options for works. Maintenance for pollarded trees, is to reduce back to pollarding "knuckles." This can be immediately unsightly, until new regrowth forms.

Conclusion: Given limited work options; Either pollarding works or removal and replacement, would be acceptable. Replacement would give new specimen opportunity to form natural crown.

Recommendation: T1 Birch - either work proposals are acceptable. 1. Remove and replace with silver birch, or 2. Reduce back to previous wounds (re-pollard) Subject to the following conditions T1 Birch - either work proposals are acceptable.

1: Remove and replace with silver birch,

Or 2: Reduce back to previous wounds (re-pollard).

Any trees that are felled are required to be replaced on a 1:1 basis, (unless otherwise stated) and shall be of Light Standard (6-8cm girth 250-300cm height), size stock. Replacement Species: Birch Any replacements are to be planted no later than 6 calendar months from the date of the work being carried out. The

replacements shall be established and maintained and if they become seriously damaged, diseased or die within 5 years of planting, shall be replaced with another of similar size and species unless the Local Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation. The replacement tree/s shall be planted at the same location or as near as is possible to that of the removed tree, unless otherwise specified. Trees felled during a planting season shall be replaced during the same planting season. (The planting season extends from October to the following March).

17 Fairview Road CA/25/01188

Proposal.

Remove and/or trim minor branches to raise the height of the overhang from the property to at least 4m to allow clear access for Wirral council bin lorries as they collect the refuse and recycling (exact height of bin lorries to be confirmed by Waste & Environment department). Trees affected on plan: Horse Chestnut (H1). This is in accordance with an instruction by Lisa Blackwell (Area environmental service officer, waste & environment department) and after discussion with Tim Noldy (Assistant Tree Preservation Officer)

Oxton Society Comment: As this application has been made after instructions from Wirral Council we have no comments to make as we assume the works are necessary.

Council decision: No objections

13 Fairview Road CA/25/01260

Proposal. 1: Lime remove lower branches over road giving 12-foot clearance. Remove small shoots around base and any dead/damaged branches. 2: Sycamore remove lower branches over road giving 12-foot clearance. 3: Sycamore remove lower branches over road giving 12-foot clearance. Remove small shoots at base pushing against and damaging boundary wall. 4: Cherry trim branches overhanging house and gutter. 5: Elder removal of tree as it has died

Oxton Society Comment: Works to the Sycamores were advised by Wirral Council to avoid damage to bin trucks.

We have no objections to any of these works.

Council decision: No objections

56 Poplar Road CA/25/01253

Proposal. T1 Holm Oak. Remove to ground - Self-seeded tree growing against the boundary, 2m from adjacent house. This is a large, potentially huge tree which is too big for its location. The tree is a source of concern to the neighbouring householder. Has previously been reduced but rapidly grows back. Retention of the tree would involve an open-ended maintenance commitment which is unreasonable for the 84-

year-old home owner. The tree is not clearly visible from the highway, being set well within the plot band behind other vegetation. T2 Lime. Reduce by 3.5m c 1m below previous pruning points. Tree within 1 m from property. Interfering with roof. Has previously be reduced. T3 Sycamore reduce by 5m.

T4 & T5 Sycamores. Reduce by 3.5m. T6 Sorbus. Remove branches oversailing conservatory roof. Ensure 4m clearance of the highway footpath. T7 Acacia. Remove lower branches/lift crown to ensure 5m clearance above the highway. T8 Holly Remove 1 of two trunks. Remove lower branches to ensure 5m clearance above the highway. Trunk splits just above ground level. One is now pressing against sone boundary wall. The wall is bowed and a vertical crack has now developed. There is concern over the structural stability of the wall and the safety of pedestrians. T9 & T10 multi stemmed sorbus. Remove branches pressing against high stone boundary wall. Remove lower branches to ensure 5m clearance of the highway. T11 Birch. Remove lower branches to maintain 5m clearance over the highway. Remove damaged branch.

Oxton Society Comment. T1: We do not object to removal as only partly visible from the street. T2-11: No objections to sensible tree maintenance as described.

Council decision. No response as yet.

CA/25/01254 10 Victoria Mount

Proposal: Fell one of two Cherry trees in rear garden to allow other trees/shrubs to flourish

Oxton Society Comment: The tree is not visible from the street, so we have no objections to this work.

Council decision: No objections

CA/25/01300 - 15 Fairview Road

Proposal: Raise canopy of Lime and Beech 4m over road to prevent damage to bin lorries.

Oxton Society Comment: As this application has been made after instructions from Wirral Council, we have no comments to make as we assume the works are necessary.

Council decision: No objections

CA/25/01233 - 2 South Hill Grove

Proposal: Beech saplings overhanging property: trim back by 2-3m

Oxton Society Comment: Trees not visible from the road. No objections inc Council.