

Delegated Report

Application Number: V/2025/0539

Address: 10 De Morgan Close, Underwood, Nottinghamshire, NG16 5EU

Description of Works: Application for Tree works to an Oak Tree TPO Ref No 036 - Crown Reduction, Crown Clean, Crown Lift to Balance The Canopy

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Policy Considerations	<p>Policy Considerations – Ashfield Local Plan Review (ALPR) (2002)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EV8 – Trees and Woodlands <p>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 15 – Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment
Relevant Planning History	<p>Application Reference: V/1999/0439 Proposal: Tree Preservation Order for Crown Cleaning and Thinning Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 26/08/1999</p> <p>Application Reference: V/2003/0711 Proposal: Pruning of One Oak Tree Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 14/08/2003</p> <p>Application Reference: V/2011/0599 Proposal: Pruning Works to One Oak Tree Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 12/12/2011</p>
Summary of comments received	<p>ADC Tree Officer (25/09/2025): The specification of works is not supported by the report of a person competent in arboriculture and therefore there has been no appropriate arboricultural reason offered in support of the works applied for.</p> <p>I am content that works are required to the tree to maintain it appropriately, but the amounts of canopy suggested for removal in totality exceed the maximum permitted volume extensively.</p> <p>The removal of canopy dead wood is exempt from application and can be carried out.</p> <p>I would be happy to see the tree crown raised but no height of lifting has been offered and certainly a limited amount of canopy reduction would be acceptable but not 25%.</p> <p>Crown thinning specifically is not considered good arboricultural practice and would not normally be granted consent.</p>

	<p>I suggest that either the applicant supply appropriate supporting information or that the application is refused consent.</p> <p>ADC Tree Officer (14/11/2025): The works have not been given an appropriate arboricultural justification. Submitted information is not in an appropriate format in terms of standard BS3998 parlance, without a specification that is enforceable it is inappropriate to suggest that consent is granted.</p> <p>ADC Tree Officer (18/11/2025): The additional information deals with my objections and requirements for more specific information.</p> <p>I would suggest that consent is granted conditionally that the works are carried out directly in accordance with the amended specification and to the minimum standards as paid down in BS 3998 2010.</p>
Comments on above	See summary below.
Summary	<p>The Site and Application:</p> <p>The tree in question is located within the rear garden of 10 De Morgan Close, Underwood.</p> <p>The tree subject to this application benefits from a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) (036). The tree is deemed to provide a positive visual contribution to the area, a quality that warrants a TPO being applied to a tree. This protection, where appropriate, ensures that its visual contributions to the surrounding locality are retained. The TPO prohibits any work being completed to the tree without permission being granted from the Local Planning Authority.</p> <p>The proposed tree works are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Crown Reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the overall height by 4–6 feet. • Reduce lateral spread on the south, east and west sides by up to 4 feet to alleviate overhang into the bungalow garden and neighbouring properties. • All pruning cuts to be made back to appropriate secondary growth points, retaining natural form and balanced shape. 2. Crown Lift <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crown lift to provide 2.5–3m clearance above ground level for access.

- Only secondary branches to be removed; no primary limbs.

3. Crown Clean

- Remove dead, dying, damaged, diseased and rubbing branches throughout the crown.

ADC Tree Officer:

As part of the application process, ADC’s tree officer has been consulted to provide comments on the application. These comments hold significant weight in the determination of the application.

Originally there were concerns with the proposal, especially towards the proposed crown thinning, which has now been removed from the proposal. Additional information and amended information have been provided to detail the proposed works.

Following the most recent comment from the tree officer, it is considered that the prescribed works are within normal arboricultural management, and it would not lead to detrimental harm to the trees.

Conclusion:

Having assessed the submitted details and comments received as part of the consultation, it is considered appropriate to grant consent for this application.

Recommendation	Conditional consent		
Conditions & Reason	Condition Code	Text	Monitor
		<p>This permission shall authorise the carrying out of the approved tree works within 2 years of the date of this permission.</p> <p>This permission shall authorise the following work to the Oak tree only:</p> <p>1.Crown Reduction</p> <p>Reduce the overall height by 4-6 feet.</p> <p>Reduce lateral spread on the south, east and west sides by up to 4 feet to alleviate overhang into the bungalow</p>	

		<p>garden and neighbouring properties.</p> <p>All pruning cuts to be made back to appropriate secondary growth points, retaining natural form and balanced shape.</p> <p>2.Crown Lift</p> <p>Crown lift to provide 2.5-3m clearance above ground level for access.</p> <p>Only secondary branches to be removed; no primary limbs.</p> <p>3.Crown Clean</p> <p>Remove dead, dying, damaged, diseased and rubbing branches throughout the crown.</p> <p>The agreed works shall be carried out in accordance with the appropriate recommendation of BS3998; 2010 (Tree Work) and in general shall in no way prejudice the health, balance and natural appearance of the tree(s).</p> <p>Within one month following completion of the agreed work, all branchwood shall be removed and the site left in a reasonably clean and tidy condition.</p>	
	Reason Code	Text	Monitor
Informative	Informative	<p>Informative Text</p> <p>The applicant/developer is strongly advised to ensure compliance with all planning conditions, if any, attached to the decision. Failure to do so could result in LEGAL action</p>	

		being taken by the Ashfield District Council at an appropriate time, to ensure full compliance. If you require any guidance or clarification with regard to the terms of any planning conditions, then do not hesitate to contact the Development & Building Control Section of the Authority on Mansfield (01623 450000).
Proactive Working	The application, as submitted, is acceptable. In granting consent, the District Planning Authority is implicitly working proactively with the applicant.	
	Signed	Dated
Case Officer		20/11/2025
Development Team Manager		
Determined by Service Director Or on their behalf		