

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER ASSESSMENT FORM

Site address and parish: 291A Thorpe Road (Longthorpe Parish)	
Location in property: Rear garden	
Tree species: Sycamore	
Map ref:	SCORE: 64
Inspected by: Bryan Clary	Date: 13.12.17
<p>Mature. Located <1m from the boundary. The Sycamore contributes to the local landscape and is one of the better quality trees with good long term potential compared to others in the vicinity. The tree is in good overall condition and is relatively small for the species. It is noted that tree works have been undertaken on the bowling green side of the crown, however, they do not diminish the value of the tree. No defects were noted nor were there any requirements noted for extensive tree surgery now or in the future. The only tree works that are possible in the future may be a reduction from the dwelling and crown lifting.</p>	

In order to set a standard for the Tree Preservation Order assessment, the trees importance/visibility must be judged taking account of the factors which increase the trees desirability for inclusion, and areas of potential conflict associated with the built environment.

It is suggested that the use of half points is used to increase accuracy and balance where categories do not quite match.

Only Complete Section 2 when assessing a group.

If the tree scores less than 7 in Section 1 or 2, question the reason for making the Order.

If the tree is marked as 'No' in Item 1.1, 'Extensive' in Item 3.4 or item 3.9, or 'High' in Item 3.14 or item 4.4, the tree should not be scheduled for a TPO unless there are extenuating circumstances.

In Item 3.10 the size of the tree should be judged according to the average for the species.

If the trees score less than 25 in Section 3 question the reason for making the Order.

To be considered for a TPO the score should be at least 50 points, the exception being a tree of historic interest or a tree recognised as a key feature in the area.

Trees being assessed as a group should score at least 56 points.

See over for assessment form

Prior to assessing the tree(s) health it would be prudent to judge if the tree(s) should be assessed as a single specimen or a group.

Individual

Does the trees merit protection as individual specimens in their own right? Yes No

Group

Does the overall impact and quality of the trees merit a group designation? Yes No

Would the trees reasonably be managed in the future as a group? Yes No

Woodland

Does the woodland form an area greater than 0.1 hectare? Yes No

Would normal silvicultural management principles reasonably be applicable?

Does the woodland currently contain regeneration and a Ground flora? Yes No

Does the woodland form part of a garden? Yes No

Area

Does the area comprise scattered individual trees? Yes No

Is the area classification warranted as an emergency measure? Yes No

Is the area designation intended as a temporary measure Pending future reclassification? Yes No

Do all trees/species merit inclusion? Yes No

Landscape function

- Landmark tree(s)
- Skyline
- Road frontage
- (trunk, principal, classified, unclassified)
- Backdrop
- Glimpses between properties or through gateways
- Filtered views
- Screening/buffering

Visual Prominence

- Conurbation
- Neighbourhood, estate, locale
- Site and immediate surroundings
- Value restricted to site

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Tree/Group		3	2	1	Score	Notes
Visual Amenity						
1.1	Seen by the general public	Easily	Sometimes	No	3 2 1	
1.2	Presence of other 'local' trees	< 4	< 10	> 10	3 2 1	
1.3	Visual impact close by	High	Average	Low	3 2 1	
1.4	Visual impact at a distance	High	Average	Low	3 2 1	
Visual Impact as a group						
2.1	Group quality close by	Good	Moderate	Poor	3 2 1	
2.2	Group quality at a distance	Good	Moderate	Low	3 2 1	
2.3	Group impact at a distance	Great	Moderate	Low	3 2 1	
2.4	Group impact close by	Great	Moderate	Low	3 2 1	
Group quality/impact should take account of the health, vigour, character and interdependence of all the relevant trees						
Tree Health Considerations						
3.1	Visual health at a distance	Good	Moderate	Poor	3 2 1	
3.2	Visual health close to	Good	Moderate	Poor	3 2 1	
3.3	Main stem structure	Good	Moderate	Poor	3 2 1	
3.4	Cavities	None	Some	Extensive	3 2 1	
3.5	Forks	Good	Average	Weak	3 2 1	
3.6	Main branch structure	Good	Average	Poor	3 2 1	
3.7	Extension growth	Good	Average	Poor	3 2 1	
3.8	Foliage condition	Good	Average	Poor	3 2 1	
3.9	Fungi present	None	Minor	Extensive	3 2 1	
3.10	Tree species/size comparison	Large	Average	Small	3 2 1	
3.11	Maturity	SM/Mat	F Mature	O Mature	3 2 1	
3.12	Past management	Appropriate	Average	Inappropriate	3 2 1	
3.13	Life expectancy	> 40 years	< 40 years	< 10 years	3 2 1	
3.14	Future maintenance	Low	Average	High	3 2 1	
3.15	Future visual impact	High	Average	Low	3 2 1	
Impact considerations						
4.1	On the highway	Low >12m	Mod <12m	High <6m	3 2 1	
4.2	On the services	Low >12m	Mod <12m	High <5m	3 2 1	
4.3	On a wall	Low >12m	Mod <12m	High <5m	3 2 1	
4.4	On a building	Low >30m	Mod <30m	High <6m	3 2 1	
The harmony of the tree and its surroundings (size, growth rate, shade and past ground works) at the time of inspection may add or deduct .5 of a point						
Special Interest Factors						
5.1	Rarity of the species	Rare	Moderate	Common	3 2 1	
5.2	Species rarity for the local soil	Rare	Moderate	Common	3 2 1	
5.3	SSSI	> One	One	None	3 2 1	
5.4	Historic interest	Great	Moderate	None	3 2 1	
5.5	Other factors	> One	One	None	3 2 1	
6	Total Score (50 or 56 required)				64	

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