

**REPORT FROM: PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL & LICENSING SERVICES  
MANAGER**

**TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

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**APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREES  
WAYSIDE COTTAGE, GREENFIELD LANE, COLNE**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To grant permission for works to a protected tree.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Grant permission for works with the condition that the tree is crown lifted to 4 metres, the crown reduced by 1 metre and crown cleaning to British Standard BS 3998:2010.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To promote good health and management of the tree. Prevent tree from becoming a nuisance in the future.

**ISSUE**

1. A large sycamore tree from an adjacent property dominates one corner of the garden to the rear of Wayside Cottage, Greenfield Lane, Colne.
2. The tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO/NO2/1990) and is within the Greenfield Conservation Area. A consent must be issued before any works can be carried out on the tree.
3. The property belongs to an elected member of the Council and therefore requires the consent of the Area Committee in order to issue a consent notice.
4. The tree was inspected by the Principal Environment Officer and was found to be in reasonable health but would benefit from some works to improve its shape and prevent it from becoming a nuisance.
5. Work required to the tree would be:

- Crown lift to 4 metres - This would allow more light under the tree and prevent lawned areas from dying off and allow these areas to be used by the occupant while retaining the tree. This would also remove a branch/stem union that is mechanically weak and likely to fail in the future.
- Crown reduction by 1 metre – This would reduce the height of the tree and the overall spread bringing it back in to a more pleasing shape and make the tree more suited to its surroundings. The benefit of this work is that it relieves biomechanical stresses on the tree without risking damage to the main framework of the tree.
- Crown cleaning – This would remove any dead branches from the canopy and those that have weak unions that are likely to fail in the future.

6. All works to be carried out British Standard (BS 3998:2010 – Tree Work, Recommendations).

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### **Policy:**

Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy – ENV1, Protecting and Enhancing Our Natural and Historic Environments

### **Financial:**

None

### **Legal:**

None

### **Risk Management:**

None

### **Health and Safety:**

None

### **Sustainability:**

Carrying out work to the tree will promote longevity. Tree contributes to the mitigation of climatic change and provides habitat for wildlife.

### **Community Safety:**

None

### **Equality and Diversity:**

None

## **APPENDICES**

None

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None