



**Application to work on Trees protected by a Tree
Preservation Order
Assessment and Recommendation**



Tree Preservation Order : TPO Ref: 851 G1

Site Address: Land adjacent to 7 Whimbrels Edge Thurlestone TQ7 3BR

Application Register No : 3353/19/TPO

Applicant: Mrs Judy Pearce

Proposed works: T1 - T7: Elm - Crown lift on North side to 3m from ground level, deadwood removal (exempt) and remove basal epicormic growth. To allow pedestrian access without damaging trees.

Date of Application : 29/10/2019

Representation Period ends: 26/11/2019

Target Decision Date : 18/12/2019

Reason item is being put before Planning Committee: The applicant is a member for SHDC Salcombe & Thurlestone Ward

Site assessed by : L Marshall

Date : 19/12/2019

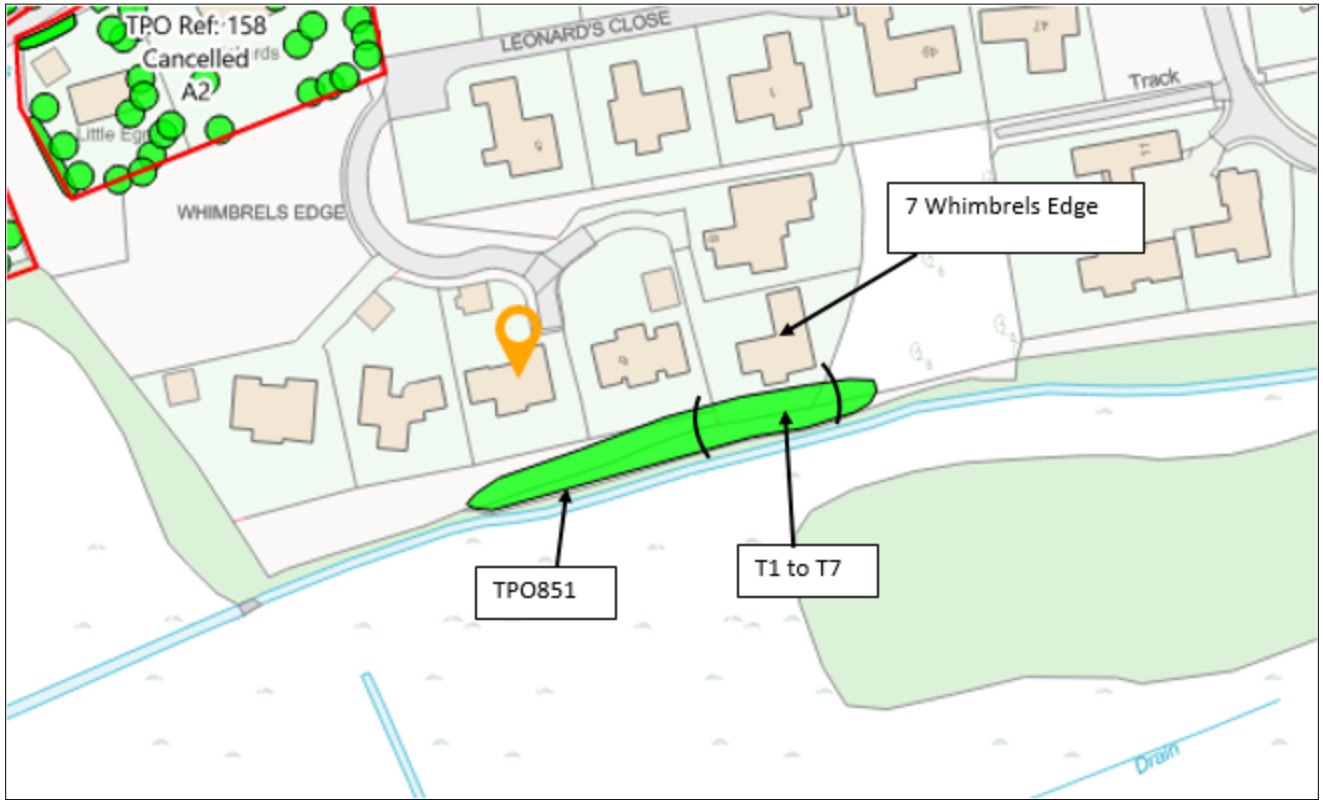


Figure 1: Site location plan



Figure 2: Northern aspect of trees over lawn

Recommendation: Approval

Requirements of consent:

1). All approved pruning works are required to be undertaken in their entirety in accordance with B.S.3998 2010 Tree Work - Recommendations

Reason

To ensure all works are undertaken in accordance with current industry best practise as detailed within B.S.3998 2010 Tree Work - Recommendations and to ensure works do not deviate from attached conditions.

2). The consent hereby granted is conditional on the tree being managed in the following manner:

- a. That the permitted crown lift to the Northern aspect of the canopy noted within this decision notice may be undertaken on a cyclical management basis. Repeat pruning may be triggered when clearances reduce to less than 2.5m from the level of the lawn below the subject branches.
- b. The crown lift is strictly limited to achieving a 3m clearance between ground level and the lowest foliage.
- c. No further requirement for permission will be required from the Local Planning Authority for a repeat of those works allowed within this decision notice.
- d. This cyclical permission relates solely to those works approved within this decision notice.
- e. The approved crown lift should not be achieved by the removal of branches greater than 75mm in diameter and should not entail the removal of primary branches back to the parent stem.

Reason

To reduce the requirement upon the tree owner to undertake recurring tree work applications that prescribe reasonable and arboriculturally appropriate tree surgery works.

Key issues for consideration:

The impact on the contribution made to public visual amenity locally if the works are approved.

The proposal:

The application seeks consent for the Crown lift on North side to 3m from ground level, deadwood removal (exempt) and remove of basal epicormic growth

Appraisal:

During the site visit it was noted that the small diameter pendulous branches were growing at a height of between 1.5 and 2 over the lawn to the newly built property.

The proposed works are ordinary garden maintenance and will not adversely affect tree health or the visual amenities of the area given the small scale of the works and the limited visibility of this lower Northern aspect of the trees crown. Minor basal growth is present.

The works are in the interests of good arboricultural management and will engender a positive relationship between property occupiers and the purposefully retained protected trees group if approved, and controlled by Conditions as recommended.

Consultations:

- Salcombe Town Council

Consultation responses

- Support from the Town Council

Conclusion

Due consideration has been given to the amenity value of T1 to T7 and the potential impact of the works upon this contribution to the local wooded character of the area. Officers are satisfied that no adverse impact will be appreciable.

Recommendation

Approval with Conditions 1 & 2 attached as above.