

**APPLICATION NO** PA/2014/0942

**APPLICANT** Miss G Fixter

**DEVELOPMENT** Application to fell 7 trees and undertake pruning works on 12 trees within the Common Plantation Tree Preservation Order 1967

**LOCATION** 284 Burringham Road, Scunthorpe

**PARISH** SCUNTHORPE

**WARD** Brumby

**CASE OFFICER** Andrea Brocklebank

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION** **Grant consent subject to conditions**

**REASONS FOR REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE** Officer discretion (Cllr Kirk resides at the site address)

## **POLICIES**

**North Lincolnshire Local Plan: LC12**

## **PUBLICITY**

Neighbouring properties have been notified and a site notice posted. Two objections have been received from the same person who is concerned over the loss of trees in the area and one person has written in supporting the application.

## **ASSESSMENT**

The property is situated within a Woodland Tree Preservation Order (TPO), namely the Common Plantation Order 1967. Being a woodland order this offers protection to trees that were present on the site at the time the order was made, but also protects any trees that have grown in the location since. This order was placed on the area of the Silica estate before the land was subsequently developed.

The site itself has an area of many trees within the front area of the garden, with a driveway and turning area where there are no trees. To the rear of the garden trees are restricted to the outer edges of the property.

A tree officer from the council, who is a qualified arboriculturist, has visited the site and assessed the trees and, taking into account the condition and quality of the trees, the reasonableness of the works requested.

Works to those trees that require pruning to give clearance over the garden is only required on relatively small branches and it is considered that this work is slight and a reasonable request. This work affects 11 trees.

Removal of a branch and crown lift to T5 (an ash tree) is also considered to be a reasonable request.

The main concerns of objectors seem to be regarding the removal of the seven trees (six in the front and one in the rear garden).

Trees T2, T4 and T14 were noted by the tree officer to be in poor condition with each of them having had branch failure and dieback of parts of the tree. It was considered their condition was sufficient to remove the trees on a safety basis.

Trees T3, T11 and T13 were noted by the tree officer to be of poor form, having grown in dense shade, making them etiolated (pale and drawn out due to a lack of light). Removal of these trees was considered reasonable as they would not make good trees if allowed to mature.

Tree T18 (a beech in the rear garden) is in a poor condition, having been severely pruned sometime in the past when its branches had grown over the fence into the neighbour's garden. This has left the tree with major dieback of these branches and it has little visual amenity. Removal of the tree is considered to be reasonable management.

The applicant has suggested several tree species as replacement trees. The area of woodland in this location consists primarily of oak and silver birch, with some ash, sycamore and occasional beech. Any replacement trees should be from these species. Ash cannot be used at present as there is a ban on movement around the country because of ash dieback.

**RECOMMENDATION      Grant consent subject to the following conditions:**

1.

All work must be carried out to British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations.

**Reason**

To ensure the work is carried out in a correct manner to protect the health of the trees and their contribution to the visual amenity and character of the local landscape.

2.

This consent is valid for a period of 2 years beginning with the date of this consent and all works can only be carried out once.

**Reason**

To ensure approved works are carried out in an appropriately timed and proper manner.

3.

Work to trees T1, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T12, T15, T16, T17 and T19 shall be limited to increasing the clearance above ground level to 4 metres.

**Reason**

To define the extent of work permitted ensuring potentially harmful effects of the pruning are minimised.

4.

Work to tree T5 shall be limited to increasing the clearance above ground level to 4 metres and removal of the limb growing to the south-west elevation.

Reason

To define the extent of work permitted ensuring potentially harmful effects of the pruning are minimised.

5.

Within 12 months of the trees being felled, a beech, 3 oak and 3 silver birch trees must be planted in the same or similar locations as the felled trees. When planted the circumference of the trunk of the new trees, measured at 150 centimetres above the ground level, must be 12-14 centimetres.

Reason

To ensure replacement planting is undertaken in the interests of continued amenity and contribution to the character of the local landscape.

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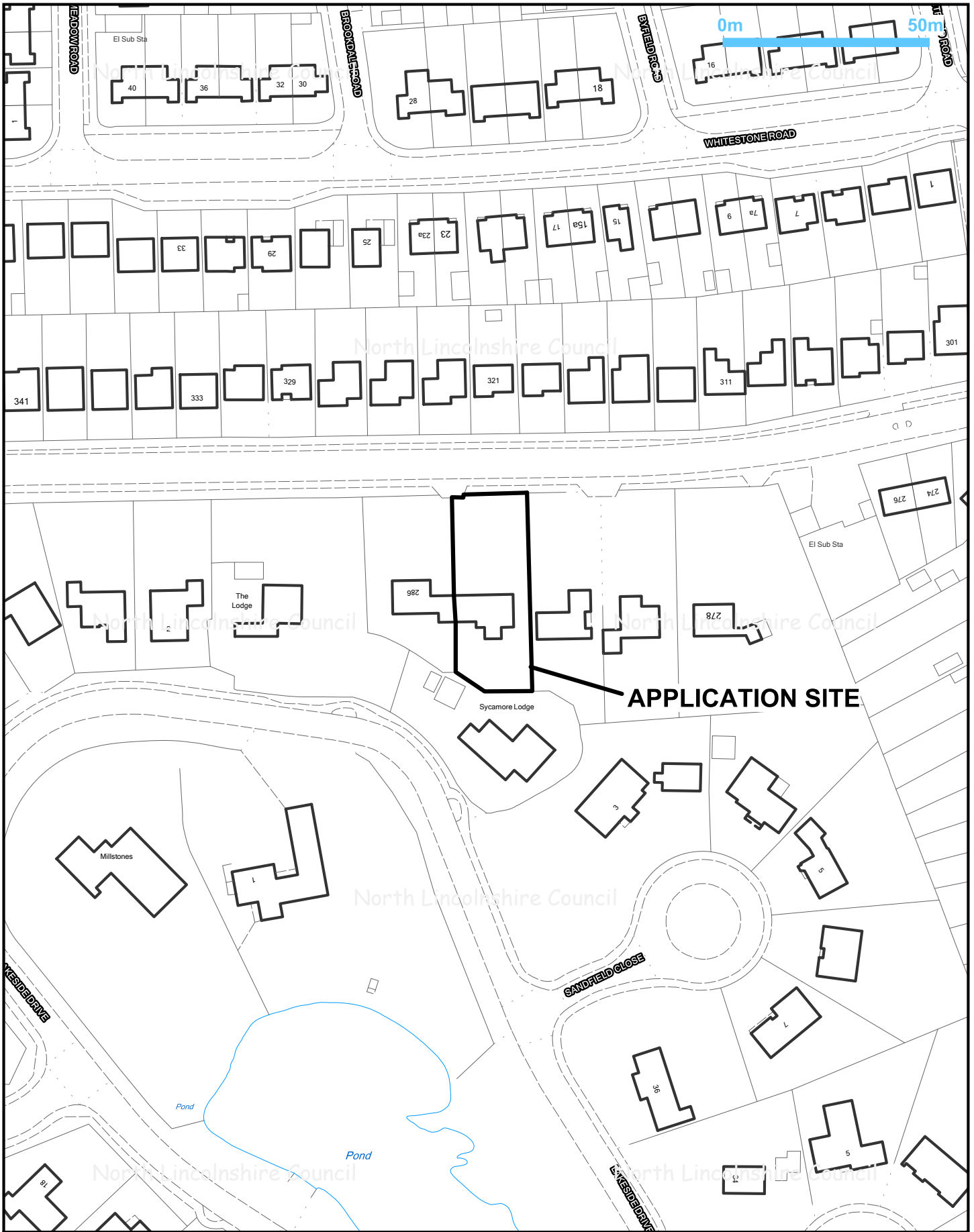
When planted the trees must be adequately staked, tied, protected and maintained for a period of two years. During that period all losses must be made good.

Reason

To help the trees become established and to ensure any failure is replaced.

### **Informative**

The proposed tree works will require a level of traffic management to be used within highway limits. Before any works are commenced on site you should contact the highway authority on telephone number 01724 297319 to arrange for the necessary consents.

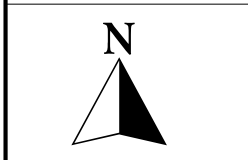


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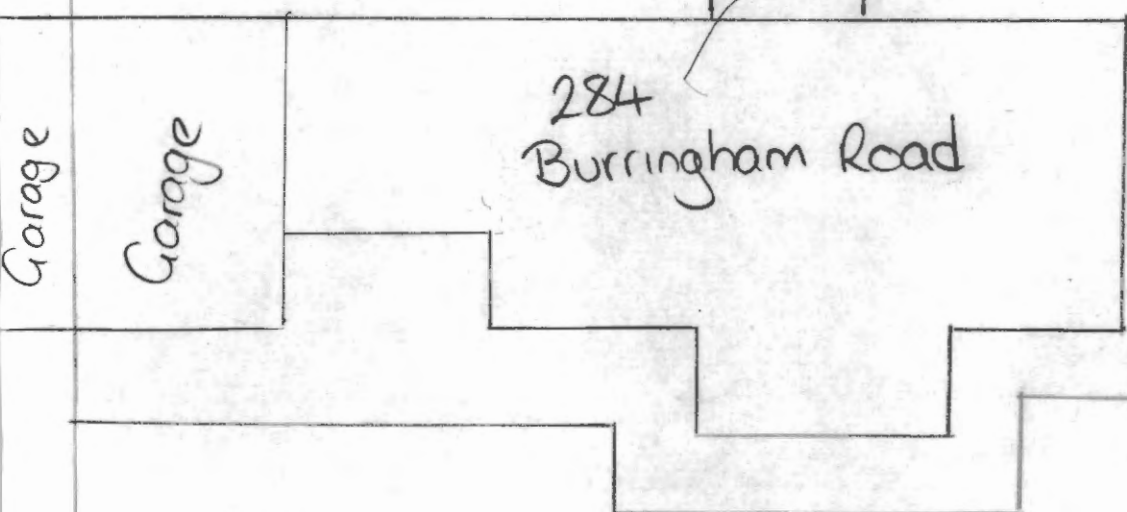
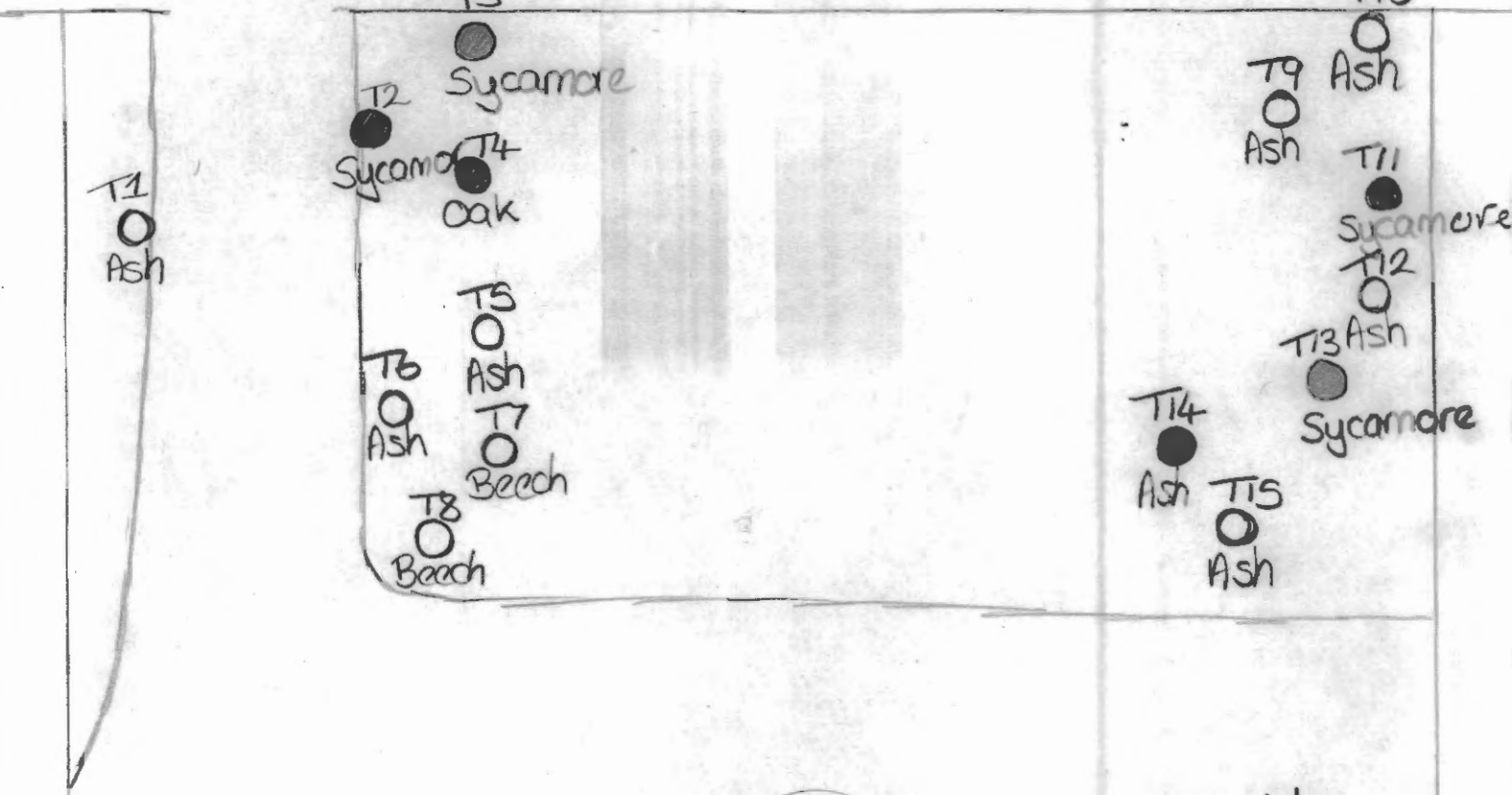
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Tree Layout Plan

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DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SECTION  
 22 AUG 2014  
 DATE RECEIVED  
 Referred To

T19  
 O  
 Sycamore

● Trees to remove  
 ○ Trees

T18  
 ●  
 Beech

T17  
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 Beech

T16  
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 Oak