

Application Number:	2019/0342/TPO
Site Address:	4 Finningley Road, Lincoln, Lincolnshire
Target Date:	16th July 2020
Agent Name:	None
Applicant Name:	Mr Paul Aitchison
Proposal:	To fell T1 (Silver Birch).

Background

This application is to fell 1 Silver Birch (T1).

The tree is located within the Doddington Road No.2 Tree Preservation Order 1981.

The applicant is a relative of an employee of the City of Lincoln Council and the reason for this application going to Committee.

Site Visit

The City of Lincoln Council Arboricultural Officer Dave Walker inspected the tree on 19th March 2019.

Issues

Health and safety of the tree.

Consideration

The tree is located in a predominantly south-easterly facing rear garden at an approximate distance of 8 metres away from the rear elevation of the property.

TREE DETAILS:

Height: Approximately 10 metres

DBH: Approximately 28cm

Canopy develops at a height of approximately 2 metres

Lack of root flare suggests that this tree has either been planted too deeply or soil levels have been adjusted since it was planted.

Open cavity present at grade on the south-eastern side of the bole - suspect that decay ascends into the lower bole of the tree and also suspect decay column descends below current grade level into buried trunk - significant compression forces may be concentrated at this point increasing the risk of failure during wind loading events.

The canopy of the tree is suppressed by the adjoining woodland canopy - this has led to phototropic development of the main stem and scaffold branches.

Undulations within the trunk suggests adaptive growth may be present within the stem as a result of adjusted force flow.

Financial Implications

None.

Legal Implications

None.

Equality Implications

None.

Recommendation

As the base of the bole exhibits an open cavity with an associated decay column, I recommend that consent to remove this tree is approved to avoid the risk of an unpredictable collapse.

Conditions

Due to the limited size of the rear garden and the associated adjoining canopy presence, I suggest that in this case the planting of a replacement tree is unwarranted.



