# Application Recommended for Approve with Conditions

TPO/2023/0756

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Application to crown reduce (by 25%) three trees protected by the Burnley (Arkwright Street No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1988. 373 Padiham Road, Burnley

Applicant: Cllr Mark Payne

## Background:

The application is being considered by this Committee due to the applicant being a Burnley Borough Councillor.

No objections have been submitted to the proposed tree work.

# **Relevant Policies:**

Burnley's Local Plan 2018

NE4 – Trees, hedgerows, and woodlands.

# Site History:

APP/2004/1058 – application to prune TPO tree(s) – c/c

# **Consultation Responses:**

*Neighbour* – Has no objections to the proposed tree work. Dismayed that T1 is not being removed completely as it appears to be potentially dangerous.

Greenspaces and Amenities – One of the trees does have a severe lean, albeit a natural one, the wall has been built around the tree to accommodate the lean and does appear to provide some support. It does look like this tree has been affected by Horse Chestnut Bleeding Canker in the outbreak 15-20 years ago, but no obvious sign the disease has progressed. The tree in my opinion does require some attention, e.g. crown thin to reduce the end weight and the impact on the branch crack.

#### Planning and Environmental Considerations:

The three Horse Chestnut trees are located at the bottom of the rear garden which is across the other side of the back street; the trees overhang Arkwright Street at the rear of the property.

One of the trees has a lean and has been affected in the past by Horse Chestnut Bleeding Canker, however, there is nothing to suggest that the disease has progressed.

The application is to crown reduce the three trees by 25% which is considered to be acceptable and in the interests of good tree management.

If the applicant has concerns with regard to the condition/safety of any of the trees then he should contact an independent tree surgeon to assess the tree(s).



## **Recommendation:**

Grant subject to the following conditions:

1. The tree work must be completed within 2 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Pursuant to Regulation 17 (4) of the Town and County Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

2. The tree work is restricted to the crown reduction (to a maximum of 25%) of three trees (T1, T2, T3).

Reason: In order to keep control of tree work in the interests of the amenity of the area.

3. The tree work must be carried out to British Standards.

Reason: In order that the work is completed to a suitable standard.