

**APPLICATION FOR TREE WORK**

<b>Tree Preservation Order Ref:</b>	<b>35/91/a1</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Teasel Close, Hightown, Liversedge, WF15 8BJ</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Phil Amess Tree &amp; Woodlands Inspector PLACE Kirklees Council</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>


**T1-T8**

**Species** – Mixed broadleaf consisting of Lime (*Tilia x europaea*), Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) and Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*).

**Condition** – All trees in this group are semi-mature & stand at a similar height of approximately 14-17m with similarly sized crown spreads of approximately 5-7m. There appears to have been little to no maintenance on these trees for a number of years and they are all laden with thick ivy & epicormic growth which makes it difficult to fully assess their condition during a VTA. Generally, vigour was good across the group with the exception of 1 x Horse Chestnut (T2) which had a largely sparse crown. Both Horse Chestnuts (T1, T2) were blighted with Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner damage as is typical of this species.



**Works Proposed** – I propose to sever the ivy at base & strip to 1m of all trees in group. I also propose to carry out a crown clean of all trees to include the removal of dead/defective branches & to carry out a crown lift to approximately 4-5m to include the removal of epicormic & non-scaffold limbs. This work should enable better monitoring of the condition of the trees going forwards & should also remove growth which is impeding the footways & play area below. The work proposed should not detract from the amenity value of the trees as individuals or as part of the overall group.



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**T9**

**Species** – Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*).

**Condition** – This tree is in a good condition showing good signs of vigour with only small amounts of deadwood within the crown.

**Works Proposed** – I propose to carry out a crown clean to include the removal of dead/defective branches & to carry out a minor crown lift to approximately 4-5m to include the removal of the larger, lower limb as there is evidence this has been repeatedly used for rope swings. Removal of this lower branch should hopefully prevent more rope swings appearing on this tree. The work proposed should not detract from the amenity value of the trees as individuals or as part of the overall group.

