

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/T0790/TPO

Address: 6 Campbell Close Twickenham TW2 5BZ

Proposal: REAR GARDENT1 Cherry Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*) Cut top section which overhangs clients garden hard back to the boundary line. Final height = unchanged and final spread = 6m. T2 Oak (*Quercus*) Remove major deadwood and hanging branches. Final height = unchanged final spread = unchanged. T3 Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) Make new Pollard at approximately 12m from ground level as tree has some pockets of decay in the crown break. Final height 12m and spread 4m. Remove X2 lowest limbs over the field. Final height = 12m and final spread = 4m. T4 Chinese privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*) Remove X2 lowest limbs on field side to limit the overhang and raise the crown over the field. Final height = unchanged final spread = unchanged. T5 Chinese privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*) Remove X2 lowest limbs on field side to limit the overhang and raise the crown over the field. Final height = unchanged final spread = unchanged. T6 Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) Remove stem which is leaning over the chicken enclosure as it is poorly attached to the main stem. There is a large seam with included bark between the two stems which is a potential failure point. Final height = unchanged final spread = unchanged. T7 Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) Reduce decayed side limb by approximately 50% (5-6m) to alleviate end weight and reduce the risk of future failure. Final height = unchanged final spread = unchanged. T8 Oak (*Quercus*) Reduce low limb overhanging neighbours shed by approximately 2m back to most recent previous reduction points. Final height = unchanged final spread = unchanged.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Make a general observation

Comment: The Proposal describes essential works to trees under the tree protection order and we have no objection to maintenance, safety and good neighbourhood actions which are of benefit to all.

We have looked at the supporting documentation and found that it is confusing and needs further clarification to ensure that the qualifications of contractors employed to work on this important Metropolitan Open Land River Corridor are professional and accredited.

The Tree Location Plan dated 25th September 2024 shows a sketch of the trees outlined in the Proposal e.g. T1 to T8 inclusive.

However, the more professional Tree Survey document, also dated 25th September 2024 was, in fact, produced in March 2016 by ACD Environmental and the Map of Tree Location and Tree Identifications in this document, ref: Appendix P18 Map and P12 Categories of Conservation Value, does not match up with the Applicant's proposal or sketch.

It does not apply to this application and is misleading.

ACD Environmental produced their report for a Planning Application by this same applicant which was refused at Local and Appeal in 2016.

TPO 1046 was approved by a unanimous council decision in March 2020 to safeguard magnificent trees in this important MOL River Corridor.

ACD Environmental were also employed by Churchview Property Developers for their Planning Application adjacent to this MOL which was finally approved at Appeal in March 2021 after restrictions from Thames Water and substantial objections were noted. No building so far.

ACD's report is detailed but they admit in their Introduction 2.3. 'It must not be substituted for a true risk assessment' and that 'a detailed tree inspection was not undertaken'.

Who is responsible for the current work risk assessment, detailed tree inspection and proposed works?

Our Joint Patron, David Lindo, is an expert in the importance of Habitat/Birds in the Urban setting and would like to comment on this application separately.