

TPO 1185/2007 Regarding the Scot Pines in the G2 cluster at 35 Pine Drive.

Request to remove two southernmost Scots Pine in this cluster.

Despite our diligent management of the trees in our garden, we have ongoing concerns about these trees and, because of their proximity to our house and mains electricity cable, the potential danger presented to our building, our elderly neighbour's buildings and potentially the habitants of any buildings if either were to fall or sustain damage in the inclement British weather. The stress they cause is unbearable.

The tree canopy and biodiversity of our garden is precious and something to be nurtured, but I am concerned that these trees, in particular, are not helping with lightfall and water resource for the other shrubs, plants, oaks, yews, hollies and carbon stores in the garden. Our neighbours behind in Foxcote also have concern about the proximity of large trees to their house and the lack of light in their gardens. Removal of these two scots pines would allow more dappled light to reach them, without further pruning of the two larges oaks in this protected cluster. The oaks will only thicken further the more they are thinned.

We want to be able to grow food in our garden for a more sustainable life. Removal of the two scots pines would provide sufficient light as illustrated in the photo below. In the image the red circle highlighted the crown of the trees being requested for removal. The white circle shows the space in which natural light would be able to reach the ground through the removal of these two trees.



Key

- Red circle – the canopies of the two scots pines proposed to be removed
- White circle – conservative estimate of ground area which would benefit from afternoon and early evening light penetration following removal of the two trees
- Yellow circle – neighbours garden who would benefit from additional dappled light in afternoon and evening following removal of the two trees
- Blue Arrow – Mains electricity cable serving 35 Pine Drive