

Ref TPO 16/1973

Currently no work has been commissioned to carry out the following/proposed tree works. This will be organised if/when permission is obtained. Consequently evidence of any work, dates, uses, grounds etc can be provided at this stage.

In April 2014, we received permission to fell 14 poplar and aspen trees within our garden which are covered by the TPO (Your ref KN/TPO/16/1973/2014, attached as WBC_Permission_12_Magnolia.pdf). The reason for felling given by yourselves at the time was "Trees in decline, health and safety issue". In the event, we only had six of the trees removed, the remainder being cut to around 1/3 height at the time.

The above permission has now lapsed and the remaining eight trees have grown back to a height of variably 20 to 30 metres (Ref T7, T10, T14, T15, T16, T17, T18 and T19 on the plan in WBC_Permission_12_Magnolia.pdf). I am therefore seeking permission to remove these remaining eight poplar and aspen trees. The trees are now 10 years older and potentially declining further. In addition the effects of climate degradation will increase the risk of branches falling or the trees being blown down, with the consequent risk to the residents of Magnolia Way and Wisteria Close. Recently a significant branch has fallen from one of the trees (approximately 10 m long and 12 cm diameter), although this fell in our garden and within the area of the trees. During the last year or so, a similar tree also fell in the garden of 10 Magnolia Way.

There are a number of large bushes and trees in the garden which have been planted by ourselves and the previous owners (ie not part of the TPO). These will also be reduced in height, where appropriate, and additional trees (eg birch or beech trees) planted in the space freed up by the felled trees.