

Committee: Planning

Agenda Item

Date: 7th May 2025

Title: UTT/25/0828/TPO: Notification of intent to carry out tree works to TPO 7/09/25

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Item for decision

Principal Landscape Officer

Summary

1. This item seeks the Committee's consideration of the proposed removal of epicormic/stem growth to a height of 5m and removal of deadwood throughout for 1 no. oak tree as part of tree management; specifically, removal of epicormics will allow ongoing monitoring of the worsening of the trunk cavity, and further delamination of the bark.
2. This tree is situated within the rear yard of 24 Blythwood Gardens, Stansted. A District Councillor has an interest in the property.

Recommendations

3. No objection be raised to the proposed tree works.

Financial Implications

4. The cost of undertaking the proposed tree work will be borne by the applicant.

Background Papers

5. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

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Impact

6.

Communication/Consultation	Details of the decision to be entered on to the public register of TPO notifications
Community Safety	none
Equalities	none
Health and Safety	none

Human Rights/Legal Implications	none
Sustainability	none
Ward-specific impacts	none
Workforce/Workplace	none

Situation

7. This is necessary management of this tree to ensure ongoing safety to people and property.
8. Refer Appendix 1: Location Plan below for location of tree.
9. Tree subject to works is an oak.
10. Visibility of this tree from the street is limited as it is situated in the property's rear yard; however, the tree is visible from the public right of way that runs along the western edge of the property.

Risk Analysis

1.

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
3 There is significant risk of branch drop and damage to people or property if no maintenance work is undertaken	3 The likelihood of a major failure particularly in high winds requires action.	3 The location of the tree within a private backyard and adjacent to buildings/structures makes the impact of a failure/collapse of this tree a significant risk	Proposed tree works should go ahead – removal of epicormic/stem growth to a height of 5m and removal of deadwood throughout

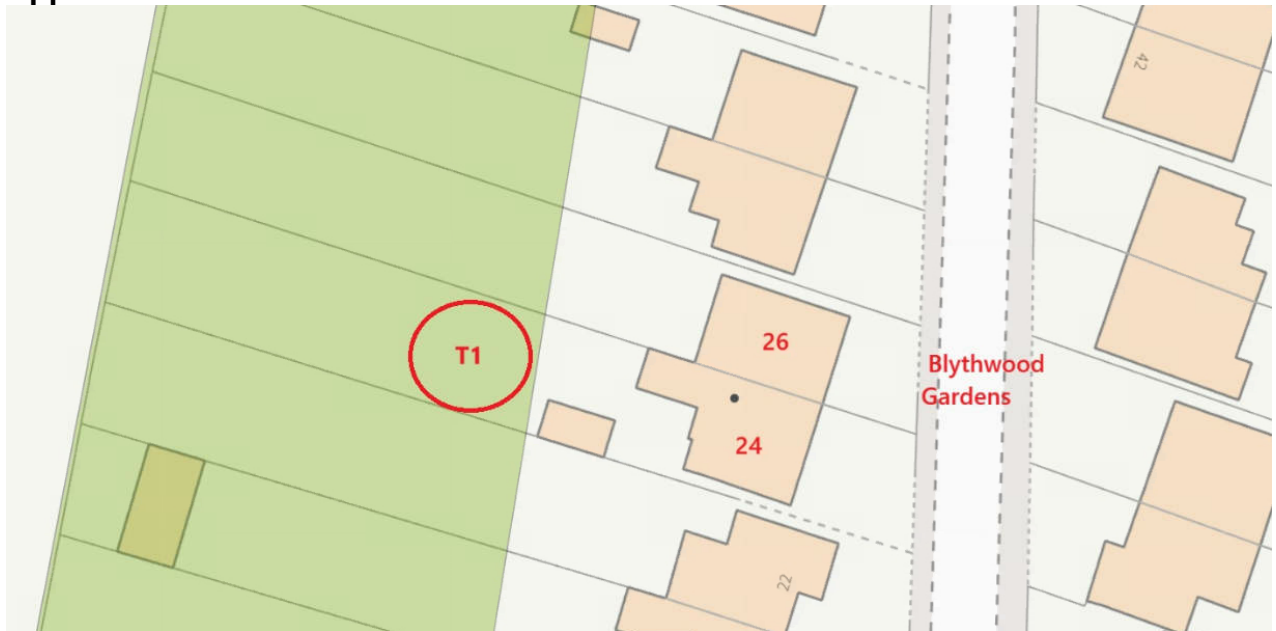
1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

Appendix 1: Location Plan



Appendix 2: Photo 1

