

APPLICATION SITE

The application site relates 80 Westwood Drive Treharris.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The application site is forms part of woodland covered by Tree Preservation Order (TPO/2019/009) 2019 at Woodland north of Goitre Coed, Treharris. This application is for the removal of deadwood and a snapped branch. The work involves clearing building materials away from the trees. The details of the proposals are outlined in an arboricultural report by Tree Consultants Wales.

CONSULTATION

The Council's Landscape Architect has discussed the proposals with the owners of the property at 80 Westwood Drive.

The site on which the tree is located is in the ownership and management the Woodland Trust. The issues surrounding the tree in question should be discussed with the tree owner before works commence. Under established 'common law' it is possible to prune branches that grow over your boundary, with or without the owner's consent. The applicant should take 'reasonable care' whilst undertaking the works and may be liable for damage of the neighbour's tree, or cause it to become unstable. The parts cut off from the tree remain the property of the tree owner, so they should be offered back. The works should be carried out by a qualified arboriculturalist.

PUBLICITY

N/A

POLICY CONTEXT

Planning Policy Wales

Paragraph 6.4.25 - Planning authorities should protect trees, hedgerows, groups of trees and areas of woodland where they have ecological value, contribute to the character or amenity of a particular locality, or perform a beneficial and identified green infrastructure function. Planning authorities should consider the importance of native woodland and valued trees, and should have regard, where appropriate, to local authority tree strategies or SPG. Permanent removal of woodland should only be permitted where it would achieve significant and clearly defined public benefits. Where woodland or trees are removed as part of a proposed scheme, developers will be expected to provide compensatory planting.
Other relevant policy guidance:

Technical Advice Note (TAN) 10: Tree Preservation Orders (1997)

Section A32 in relation to section 211 TCPA 1990.

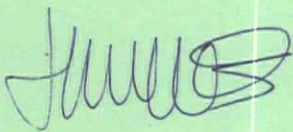
Merthyr Tydfil Local Development Plan 2006-2021

Policy BW5: Natural Heritage.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed works will have a net beneficial effect on the woodland TPO and is consistent with good management practice.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVED

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