

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Case No:** 19/02302/TPC

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Conifer spp. (T3) - Remove completely to allow space for adjacent Ginkgo spp. (T4) to develop properly.

Birch spp. (T5-T7) - Selectively thin copse at rear of property by 20% removing weak and poorly formed Silver Birches that are competing for light to allow better formed specimens to thrive.

**Address:** 42-43 Stratton Lane East Stratton SO21 3DT

**Parish, or Ward if within** Micheldever

**Winchester City:**

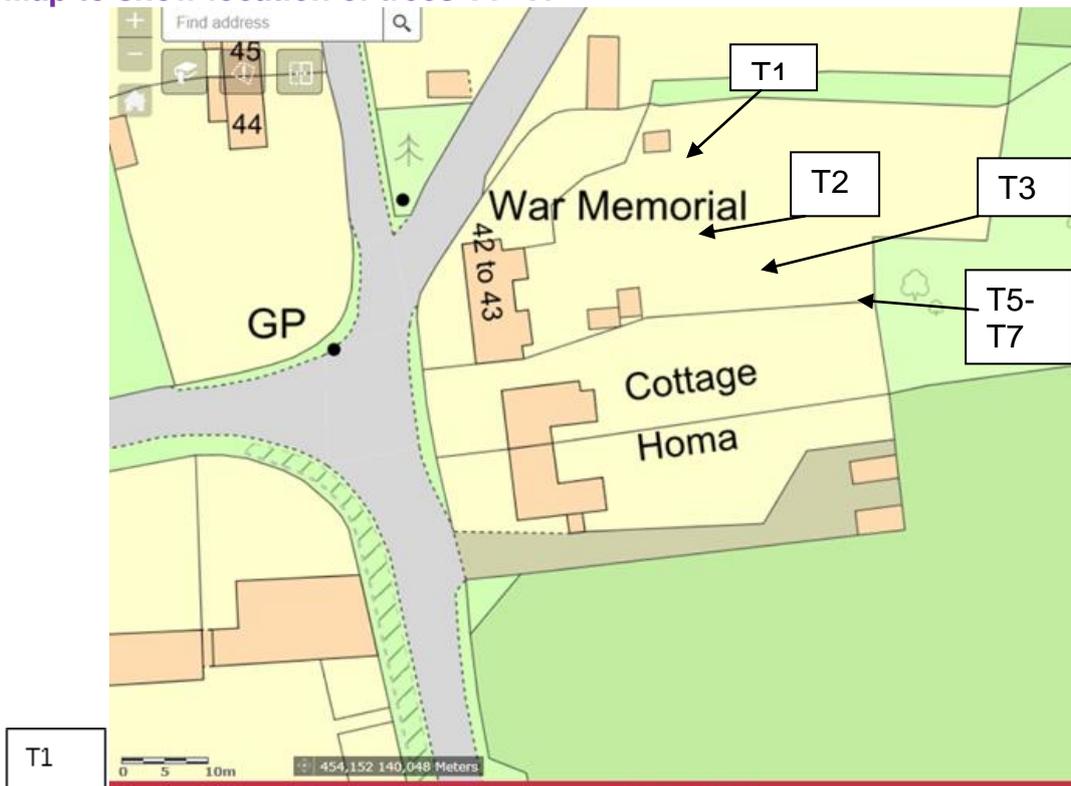
**Applicants Name:** Mr Kim Gottlieb

**Case Officer:** Lloyd Fursdon

**Date Valid:** 21 October 2019

**Recommendation:**

**Map to show location of trees T1- T7**



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## General Comments

This matter comes to Planning Committee for determination as the applicant is the WCC Councillor for East Stratton.

## Site Description

The trees in which this application relates to are located in the rear garden of the property.

T1 (Yew) is in full public view giving it high visual public amenity value. The tree is of reasonable health and vitality for a tree of this age class. The tree has been previously reduced but has recovered from the pruning by producing reaction growth making the tree's crown asymmetrical in shape.

T2 Cherry. T3 Conifer and T5-T7 are not visible from the public highway giving them low visual public amenity value.

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## Relevant Planning History

19/01646/TPC – Yew (T1) Reduce to original height of hedge (Approx. 5-6 ft.) to reduce the number of poisonous berries that drop each year. Application was withdrawn

## Consultations

It is not a requirement in accordance with government guidance to send out consultation notices to neighbours for the proposed tree works within a Conservation area (TPC notification) however the TPC notification is published on the weekly planning lists that are published in the local paper.

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**Representations**

None received.

**Relevant Planning Policy**

Winchester District Local Plan Review

Winchester Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy

**Other Planning guidance**

Tree Preservation Orders and tree in Conservation areas.

**Planning Considerations**

The Yew Tree (T1) is a mature tree that is a significant feature within the local landscape. The proposed works to reduce the lower branches of the tree back to the original pruning points will not have a detrimental impact on its visual public amenity value as the proposed works are to the lower parts of the tree that will not alter the overall height and shape of the trees canopy. The proposed works to reduce any asymmetric branches are minor works that will re- shape the tree's canopy and will improve the overall appearance of the tree. As the tree is of good health and vitality the tree will be able to compartmentalise the pruning wounds without a long term detrimental impact on its health.

The proposed works to T2 Cherry are minor works that will not have a detrimental impact on the health of the tree. As the tree is not in public view the proposal will not have a detrimental effect on the tree's visual public amenity value.

The proposal to remove T3 to favour the future development of T4 (Ginkgo spp) and the proposal to selectively thin the copse of birch in the rear of the property is in accordance with good forestry and arboricultural practices.

As trees T3, T5 & T7 are not in full public view from the public highway, the proposal will not have a detrimental effect on their visual public amenity value or the setting of the Conservation Area.

**Recommendation**

No Objection.

Appendix 1- Map

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