Rochdale BC
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Planning and Development Service

7 Hillkirk Drive
Shawclough
Rochdale
OL12 7HD

6th June 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Application to carry out removal of one tree and pruning to trees at the above address – TPO 193 A2

After a recent inspection of trees at the above address and TPO 193 A2 by Andrew Styles of Pioneer Tree Services. In line with his advice and neighbours 5 & 9 requesting us to cut back overhanging branches affecting their gardens we would like to make an application to carry out the following tree works. With permission granted Andrew Styles will carry out the work for us.

1. 1a on attached plan.
   The removal of a Beech tree which is in poor condition and suppressed and growing through the canopy of a very large Scots pine to its immediate left which is also detrimental to this tree. There are two other pine trees above these trees and they are all on a downward slope in a dry fast draining area of the garden. The Beech tree is just left of the boundary between 7 & 9 Hillkirk drive with many of the branches overhanging the patio of number 9 and causing a nuisance to the neighbours impacting their use/enjoyment of their garden.
   See photo 1.

2. 2a on the attached plan.
   Pruning dead branches of Scots pine in the crown due to crown movement of Beech tree 1a and a few branches on right hand side of tree to balance and decrease the forward and right handed development of the tree. This tree is also on the downward slope of a dry fast draining area of the garden near the boundary between 7 & 9 Hillkirk Drive and also has branches overhanging the patio of number 9 and causing a nuisance to the neighbours impacting their use/enjoyment of their garden. The split trunk, height, volume, its position growing on a front to back and left to right downhill slope and nearness to both 7 & 9 Hillkirk is of concern to both owners and advice on this would be appreciated.
   See photo 1, 2

3. 3a on the attached plan
   Pruning the lower branches from a beech tree to higher the crown and reduce weight on a tight union. This would benefit the tree, garden plants, lawn and provide more light and rain to flow in this area.
   See Photo 3

4. 4a on attached plan
   Pruning of a beech tree sited close to the fence between 7 & 5 Hillkirk Drive to higher the crown by removing the lower branches together with branches hanging over the fence into the front/side garden of 5 Hillkirk Drive. This will remove the nuisance to the neighbours and improve light and rain flow in this area to the benefit of the tree and garden plants.

5. 5a on attached plan
   Pruning of a beech tree sited behind 4a above again sited close to the fence between 7 & 5 Hillkirk Drive to higher the crown by removing the lower branches together with branches hanging over the fence into the front/side garden of 5 Hillkirk Drive. This will remove the nuisance to the neighbours and improve light and rain flow to this area to the benefit of the tree and garden plants.
   See photo 4

We are asking to undertake the above works to these 5 trees that form a small part of the overall wooded are. All the trees in the garden and the local area are mature trees across several gardens and in various states of health/condition.

The wooded area is a natural wind tunnel in bad weather which has resulted in the daily falling of dead or dying branches of various sizes from small twigs to large branches 6/9 feet long generally damaged by the movement of other trees and complete with pine needles and cones. The largest in our garden was the top 20 feet or more off the top of a tree from 5 Hillkirk Drive's garden. Whole trees have come down in most of the gardens below us including 2 large ones in the last recent storms.

The work we are asking for further advice on the large Scots pine and to carry out the remove one suppressed tress and prune 4 others to stop them deteriorating, removing lower/large branches on a health and safety basis and improve the condition of all the other trees in our garden. As well as removing the nuisance/danger of our trees overhanging our neighbours.

If you have any questions please let me know.

I await your approval in due course

Yours faithfully

W. F. Lemmy.

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Enc Plans 1 & 2
Photo 1 2 3 4