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25/00203/WTTPO | Application to fell and remove trees identified within group 'W1' of Tree Preservation Order TPO076, T1, T2, T3, T9, T10, T11 - Ash, T4, T5 - Sycamore T6, T7 - Beech & T8 Oak | Land Directly To The Rear Of 5 & 7 Barathe Close, OL113LY

A small broadleaved woodland showing signs of limited recent management.

- I would accept that the Ash Trees (T1, T2, T3, T9, T10, T11) are suffering from Ash die-back disease, unfortunately endemic in the area, and should be felled in the interests of good woodland management.
- I would accept that the Sycamore trees (T4 and T5) are poor condition trees in decline, these trees could be removed in the interests of good woodland management without causing undue harm to the overall woodland character.
- T8 is an Oak which has already fallen, hung up on adjacent trees. The tree should be removed for health and safety reasons and in the interests of good woodland management
- T7 is a poor condition beech tree with evident dead wood, extensive burrs and missing bark. Given the poor health of the tree, its proximity to residential property and risk of sudden failure associated with Beech, it would be acceptable to remove the tree in the interests of avoidance of harm to residential property and to mitigate public safety risk
- T6 is a beech tree in apparently reasonable condition, but with a very heavy lean towards the nearby residential property. Given that beech are relatively shallow rooted trees which makes them more susceptible to windthrow, that they can experience sudden failure, and given that the tree will become exposed when other trees are removed, it would be prudent to remove this tree at this time as part of the wider woodland management works in order to mitigate potential future risk. I have thought about whether it would be possible to prune or pollard the tree, but semi-mature beech do not respond well to heavy pruning or pollarding work which can expose them to disease and leave deep wounds which can be very slow to heal. Pollarding could therefore increase risks to property.

All works must be carried out by suitably qualified and insured arborists.

The woodland would benefit from replanting with understorey trees and shrubs such as holly, hazel, hawthorn and rowan.

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