

## Officer Report

**Case Reference:** OTH/2026/0633  
**Location:** MAYROYD, NORDEN ROAD, ROCHDALE, OL11 5PT  
**Proposal:** Works to protected trees under TPO 098 as follows:-  
T13 Horse Chestnut - remove a single lateral limb approximately 200 mm (8 inches) in diameter at its point of attachment to the main stem.  
T8 Horse Chestnut - removal of a single over-extended lateral limb by approximately 150mm (6 inches) in diameter at its point of attachment to the main stem.  
**Recommendation:** Approve with Conditions  
**Officer:** Aimee Bovaird

### Site

The site relates to land at Mayroyd, Norden Road, OL11 5PT

### Proposal

The application seeks permission to remove a lateral limb from a Horse Chestnut (T13), removed a limb from a Horse Chestnut (T8).

### Principle of Development

In considering applications for works to protected trees, Government advice in paragraph 90 of the NPPG states:

“When considering an application the authority is advised to:

- assess the amenity value of the tree or woodland and the likely impact of the proposal on the amenity of the area;
- consider, in the light of this assessment, whether or not the proposal is justified, having regard to the reasons and additional information put forward in support of it;
- consider whether any loss or damage is likely to arise if consent is refused or granted subject to conditions;
- consider whether any requirements apply in regard to protected species;
- consider other material considerations, including development plan policies where relevant; and

- ensure that appropriate expertise informs its decision.”

In considering whether there has to be an arboricultural need for proposed works to a TPO, paragraph 91 of the NPPG states: “In general terms, it follows that the higher the amenity value of the tree or woodland and the greater any negative impact of proposed works on amenity, the stronger the reasons needed before consent is granted. However, if the amenity value is lower and the impact is likely to be negligible, it may be appropriate to grant consent even if the authority believes there is no particular arboricultural need for the work.”

To assess the acceptability of the proposal against the above considerations, the Council's Tree Officer has been consulted, they have raised no objections to the proposal. They have stated in their response the works are justified in the interest of reducing risks of branch fall.

The application proposal is therefore considered to be compliant with the guidance contained within the NPPG noted above, and the application is recommended for approval.

GMEU standing advice on tree works and protected species will be attached to the decision notice and therefore the obligations in respect of protected species will have been met.

**Recommendation:** Approve with Conditions

**Condition(s) (2)**

- 1 The consent hereby granted is valid for a period of two years from the date of this decision.
- 2 All tree works must comply with British Standard 3998 (2010 – British Standard for Tree Work) and the relevant industry codes for safe practice produced by the Forestry & Arboriculture Safety & Training Council (FASTCo).
- 3 For the avoidance of doubt the decision relates to the following list of plans & documents:
  - Location Plan
  - Application Form
  - Photographs