

APPLICATION NO: 21/02201/CONF	OFFICER: Mr Sam Reader
DATE REGISTERED: 4th October 2021	DATE OF EXPIRY : 4th April 2022
WARD: Leckhampton	PARISH: LECKH
APPLICANT:	n/a
LOCATION:	16 Thompson Drive, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
PROPOSAL:	To confirm TPO no 781

CONSULTEE COMMENTS

13th October

Parish Council

12th October 2021

The tree is a copper beech which the PC assumes has been planted as a 'specimen tree' as it is not a native species. According to the Woodland Trust this variety is often planted in landscape scale (rather than small suburban) gardens <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-british-trees/copper-beech/>.

The tree is situated in the front garden of 16 Thompson Drive close to the boundary wall with number 14. It is encroached upon by a substantial adjacent cypress hedge. Because of this and its close proximity to the house and extension at number 14 Thompson Drive the tree is somewhat lop sided.

The PC understands that neither the property owner nor the adjacent neighbour, i.e. those most impacted by the tree, want the tree listed as it needs frequent attention due to its impact on the neighbour's extension and patio foundations.

Given that if left to grow the tree could reach a height of more than 40m this would appear to be a classic example of 'the wrong tree in the wrong place'.

LwWHPC therefore believes that it would be unhelpful to apply a TPO to the copper beech tree as it is far too large a tree for the compact site and too close to adjacent houses. Ideally it should be replaced by a tree of more suitable size and habit for the restricted location.

CONCLUSION:

LwWHPC respectfully request that a TPO is NOT applied to the copper beech tree.

Ward Councillors

12th October 2021

Comments attached.

TPO 2014 - Beech tree at front of 16 Thompson Drive, Leckhampton

As local member I have the following comments to make:



This tree is very high and appears rather lop-sided with the trunk almost entirely on the right side in No 14 and the overhanging branches extending well over the driveway of No 16.

I am sympathetic to this situation and agree that this is a beautiful tree that has been here way longer than the houses that are either side

of it.

However, there is likely to be an ongoing liability to residents at both numbers 14 and 16 as I believe they will have to seek permission for required maintenance from a CBC approved tree surgeon. Furthermore, the roots of the tree are already encroaching on the foundations to the extension and drains of No 14, and blocking light to No 16.

In conclusion, I feel that this tree, at its current size, is the wrong tree in the wrong place. With the funding currently widely available from the Woodlands Trust to plant more trees, I think it would be better to remove this tree and recommend that site appropriate trees be planted should the residents so wish.

I therefore do not support this TRO.

Emma Nelson
Borough Councillor for Leckhampton

4th October 2021

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