

Planning

Subject: FW: 23 South Oswald Road 23/00025/TCO

From: [Ellen McCalman](#)
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 4:04 PM
To: [Peter Pitkin](#)
Subject: RE: 23 Oswald Road 23/00025/TCO

Afternoon Peter,

Thank you for bring this to our attention.

Having visited the site last week, I can only agree with you that the loss of a significant number of trees in the garden of 23 South Oswald Road would have a negative impact on the local environment.

Having discussed the case with the agent, we have agreed that the sycamore tree is to be retained albeit pruned back to 1m (at least) above previous pruning level (the tree has been pollarded/cut back previously). Reducing height of the tree should reduce its lateral growth and therefore any impact on the boundary wall and also enable the repair of the wall. We have agreed to the removal of the cypress trees as they are close to the front of the house and overcrowding the front garden. The application was processed earlier today accordingly.

Please see attached a photo which shows the agreed level of the pruning.

Hopefully that will help alleviate your concerns. The sycamore is a prominent tree on Oswald Road hence the reason to ensure its retention.

Regards
Ellen

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Ellen,

I feel I should draw your attention to this proposal.

The proposed removal of the sycamore will be a significant loss to the streetscape, and the removal of the four trees covered by the notification will leave the garden as a largely bare space. Several trees have been removed from the front of the adjoining property to the S (no. 12B) in recent years and there is now just a single mature lime in the

garden of no.12 somewhat set back and to the side of the house. Since 2018 several mature trees have been removed from the grounds of no. 23 itself. I am concerned that if this work goes ahead the view of the W side of Oswald Road between the junctions with S Oswald Road and Mortonhall Road will be left substantially devoid of trees - on a street that was formerly among the most tree-covered in the Grange.

I recognise that there is a bulge in the lower part of the wall beside the footpath, so this is clearly not an easy case. The damage to the wall is hardly serious enough, however, to justify a decision 'in the interest of safety'.

I hope these comments are some help - if only for context.

Regards,

P.P.

On behalf of the Grange Association