

Application to undertake work to tree subject to Tree Preservation Order

T1 is located within the garden of Chomlea, 1A Longley Drive on the boundary line of the property and Worsley Road. The tree is subject to Tree Preservation Order 109 G19.

An application has been submitted (090218) to reduce the crown.

The tree is in a slightly raised bed and the perimeter wall had become in danger of collapse onto the pavement. Initially the expectation was the when the wall was dismantled it would reveal the cause of the problem with the wall would be expansion of the tree trunk, however when the wall and soil have been removed it has transpired that the root system of the tree has run parallel with the wall and is the cause of the wall collapsing.

The owner of the property, Mr Smith, has taken all steps recommended by Birtle Tree Services to ensure the roots are protected during the investigation process. Mr Smith is very keen to retain the tree which is a very healthy mature specimen. The tree has a number of previous pruning sites which have callused over well and at the present time is budding vigorously.

It is recommended that the stunted roots which have caused the wall stones to be pushed out be removed by an arborist to ensure clean pruning thus reducing the potential for decay to enter into the wounds.

The excavated soil has been retained to enable backfilling with the original soil once the work has been completed. Mr Smith has been advised that the foundation of the rebuilt wall must be sheathed with an impermeable layer to ensure that there is no leaching of cement into the soil.

The Local Authority are asked to grant approval for this work as soon as possible to mitigate the risk of stress to the tree.

Tree Reference and species	Location of tree and Description of work	Reasons for work
T1 Mature Beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>)	Clean prune of roots to the south of the tree	To allow the wall, which was close to collapse, to be rebuilt

Sketch map to indicate location of tree

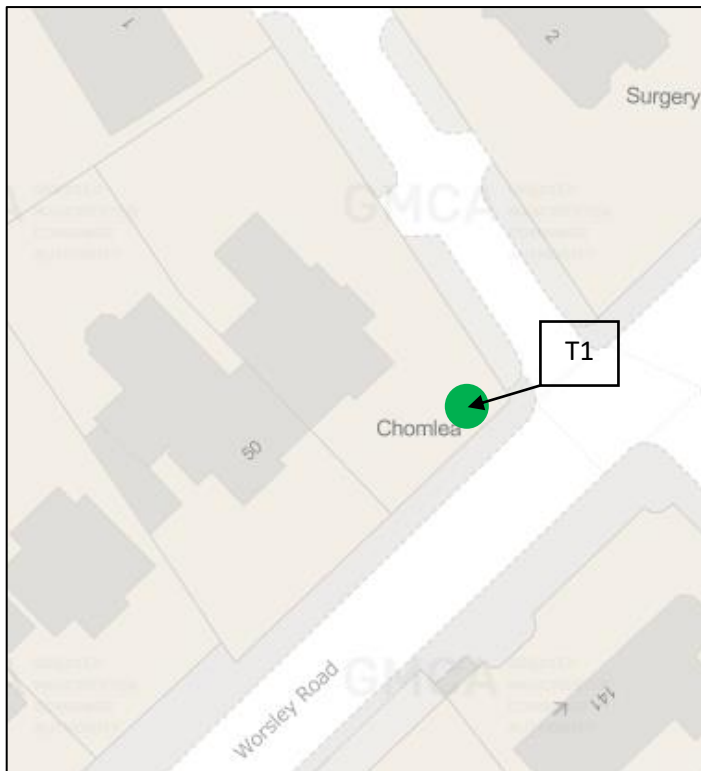


Image courtesy of Mapping GM for the purposes of identifying location of TPO
https://mappinggm.org.uk/gmodin/?lyrs=#os_maps_light/19/53.50328/-2.36635

Images of T1 and root system



Image 1 - wall which was becoming dangerous due to risk of collapse onto pavement



Image 2 - Wall has been dismantled and revealed extent of stunted roots which are recommended to be removed



Image 3 - Image taken above the roots



Image 4 – roots are being protected whilst approval from Local Authority is granted