

Application no. 6/2019/1853/EM

Applicant: Dr J A Sherman

Application Date: 29/7/19

Date of Refusal: 30/8/19

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Appeal:

I am asking for permission to remove the Blue Cedar tree at the front of my property. It is a very large, ill-positioned, non-native species that was planted ~35 years ago, far too near to the house. It has the ability to grow to a height of >70 feet, with a trunk diameter of ~5 feet. Yet it is sited <7m from the house.

I have included 4 Photos to illustrate the issues.

The Tree Officers have stated that the tree is a 'natural amenity' of the area. However, as you can see from PHOTOS 1 & 3, this is not true. The only people affected by it from a visually aesthetic point are my neighbours at no. 9 and they are of the opinion that it spoils the looks of the Copper Beech tree that it is now dwarfing and encroaching upon (PHOTO 3). Other passers-by only see the eye-catching Copper Beech tree. It is of no amenity value to the community.

This tree is now of great concern as not only are its roots encroaching on the property and therefore putting my home at risk, it also blocks an enormous amount of light to my home all year round, which I find very oppressive. As the photos clearly show, the tree obliterates the natural light to the house generally and in particular to the main living room (see PHOTO 3).

PHOTO 4 was taken in November 2013. When compared with PHOTO 3, taken September 2019, it clearly demonstrates the tremendous rate of growth of the Blue Cedar. It is nearly half as high again as the Beech and the trunk is almost as broad.

I take care to regularly maintain the trees on my property and given the concerns in relation to this tree, I have been advised that it should be felled. I would be very happy to replace it with a far more suitable species, of appropriate size and aesthetic for the site e.g. Judas tree (Cercis).

Many thanks for your consideration of this matter.