

Appendix 3

On the 23rd of February 2017, one of the Mulberry Trees growing on Haybridge Road failed in storm Doris. During the clearance of this tree, the owners of the mulberry tree growing from 8 Manor Road enquired with Telford and Wrekin Services about felling the remaining tree which is growing from their garden.

On the 16th of May 2017 a provisional Tree Preservation Order was made to protect the remaining Mulberry tree.

On the 2nd of June an application to fell the tree was received by the planning department from the owner of 8 Manor Road, because the tree preservation order was not on the system, the application was not registered. It was then explained to applicants by the planning department that they needed to formally object to the preservation order via Legal and Democratic Services. They did not.

The Council have historically maintained this tree by placing two props, one underneath the main trunk and another on one of its leaning stems. These were first installed in the tree in 2008.

Since this time Telford and Wrekin Council have made two additional site visits to readjust the props within the structure of the tree. The local parish have now taken on the mantle of ensuring the props are secure and that the tree is not encroaching onto the foot path by regularly pruning it back from the pedestrian walkway.

Additionally, there is also high local historical value to the Mulberry tree, across the road a block of flats is named Mulberry Court

The remaining Mulberry tree has a high amenity value, growing in an elevated position adjacent to Haybridge Road.

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