

Appendix 5

Sinfin Central Business Park, Sinfin Lane, Derby - TPO 2005 no. 441

Introduction

TPO 2005 no. 441 consists of four groups of trees (G1, G2, G3, G4). G1 and G2 run parallel with Sinfin Lane and play an important role in screening the industrial units. G3 runs along the boundary with the Cock 'n' Bull public house and screens the car park and G4 lies between the access road and the industrial unit.

I am employed by Derby City Council as an Assistant Arboricultural Officer with the Tree Section of the Environmental Services Department.

I have been asked to make my comments and observations on the condition of the trees, their past management and a summary of their amenity value.

G1 and G2

Consist of a row of black poplars that have been pollarded (cut back to the main stem on a regular basis). They are very in keeping with the area, Sinfin being generally wet and marshy and poplars growing well in this type of environment.

The fact that the trees have been pollarded does not detract from their amenity value as this is a traditional management technique for trees of this species.

The defects noted in the report would not be a significant issue if the trees were pollarded on a regular basis. This can be covered by the submission of an application.

G3

Consists of a row of Lombardy poplars along the boundary with the pub. The amenity value of the trees is considerable in screening off to contrasting land uses. If any of the trees require removal in the future, this can be covered by an application and replacement planting implemented as necessary. There is no benefit to repollarding these trees and this would be generally inappropriate for the species.

G4

Consists of an attractive group of mixed broadleaves – horse chestnut, lime and sycamore. The merit of this group is in the screening benefits between the factory units and the rest of the site.

The usual maintenance requirements of pruning, removal of deadwood, etc can all be covered by an application.

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Group G1 (G2 beyond access road, trees similar in size and condition)



Group G1

