

## DELEGATED ASSESSMENT

**Application No:** PA/2025/1042

**Proposal:** Application to fell to ground level 6 Norway Spruce trees, situated within Tree Preservation (Common Plantation) Order 1967

**Location:** 1 Lakeside Drive, SCUNTHORPE, DN17 2AG

**Applicant:** Mr Darren Capp

**Officer:** Paul Beetham

**POLICY:** LC12

**CONSULTATIONS:** Highways – no comments or objections

Drainage – no comments or objections

**PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL:** Brumby

**PUBLICITY:** Site Notice

**LETTERS OF COMMENT:** None

### MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The trees were a later addition (1974) and were planted in the garden when the residential development of the 'woodland' area had begun, so were not present when the initial TPO listing took place (1968-69), however, Government guidance states '*trees and saplings which grow naturally or are planted within the woodland area after the Order is made are also protected by the Order*'. The point here is whether the post-development area, still constitutes a woodland in its truest sense.

Norway Spruce can potentially reach between 60-100ft, and given the proximity of the trees to residential properties, this size range may not be considered a sensible long-term option for a species more appropriate to forestry than amenity woodland, or a garden setting.

On balance it would be appropriate to remove the trees and replant with 6 replacement trees, which will be of more biodiversity value and are UK native species – 2 No. Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*), 2 No. Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*) and 2 No. Wild Cherry (*Prunus avium*). To be Heavy Standard 12-14cms diameter at 150cms from the ground, to be planted within the garden area, with due consideration to best space and light conditions.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Granted with conditions

**Informative(s)**

**TREE1**

**TREE2**

**Condition(s)**

**TC01**

**TC02**

**TC04**

**TC05**