

## **Tree Officers Report**

**PLANNING REFERENCE** 24/03599/TCA

**DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED:** Fell 1no tree and replace (Details for replacement tree planting in above-ground planters (species of tree and number and location of planters to be decided) shall be agreed with the LPA and Shrewsbury Town Council) within Shrewsbury Conservation Area (Amended 21.10.2024)

**LOCATION:** Shrewsbury Train Station Gyratory, Junction With Chester Street, Smithfield Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

**Tree Preservation Order:  
Conservation Area:**

**DECISION:**  
No objection

**REPORT:**  
A notification to remove two trees, to allow the implementation of a substantial highway improvement scheme, was received by Shropshire Council. Following discussions and a review of the site that scheme has been amended to allow the retention of one tree and therefore the notice has been amended to reflect this.

An arboricultural impact assessment has been provided with the application along with a technical note. These reports provide reason and justification for the proposed tree removal. I have reviewed both reports and accept that the scheme, which will provided substantial benefits to traffic management and air quality could not be properly implemented without the removal of the tree. Further, the AIA notes that the growing conditions of the tree to be removed are limited and that it is starting to impact on the surrounding hard surface and that this may limit its future contribution to the Conservation Area. Mitigation planting has also been specified to offset the impacts of tree loss from the Town centre.

On balance it is considered reasonable to allow the removal of this tree for the purpose of implementing the highway improvement scheme.

### **SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

An objection has been received from the Town Council who would like the tree lifted for re-planting.

**INFORMATIVE:**

It may be possible to salvage the tree and replant elsewhere. Please consider this option and liaise with Shrewsbury Town Council

**Officer:** Stephen Shields

**Dated:** 25th October 2024