



Ribble Valley  
Borough Council

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# TREE WORK ASSESSMENT

DATE INSPECTED: 16 May 2025

TPO: No

CONSERVATION AREA: Ribchester

APPLICATION NO: 3/2025/0351

SPECIES: Sycamore

BS5837 CAT: C

ASSESSOR: A Shutt

SIGNATURE: LH

## VISUAL TREE ASSESSMENT / COMMENTS

The applicants submitted a tree work application (3/2018/0286) in April 2018 with a report carried out by a qualified Arboricultural Consultant and subsequent approved pruning works carried out by a fully qualified arborist which is the correct process. Please see photograph below.



In May 2023 the same landowners did neither of the above and the tree was mutilated by an unqualified person, please see photograph below.



Unfortunately the Council was unable to pursue formal action against the unauthorised works, however due to the devastating pruning, the tree has lost the majority of its amenity value and a TPO cannot be justified.

RELATED ISSUES:	YES	NO		YES	NO
Planning Application		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highway issue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Statutory Undertaker		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Damage to property (proven)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health & safety issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (describe)*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Tree Management					

AMENITY EVALUATION:	YES	NO		
Carried out	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Necessary		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**Application works appropriate?** YES ☒

**Why?**

Due to unauthorised works and inadequate pruning T1 has very low amenity value and a TPO cannot be justified.

The applicant has offered to replant and the Council will monitor this process as due to the unauthorised works the Council could serve a Section 206 Tree Replacement Notice.

**Alternative works more appropriate?** NO ☒

**Describe Alternative Works:**