Malpas Parish Council Planning Application Report

Appendix A

1. Application under consideration:

Application No:	23/00138/TPO				
Location:	Hayside Walk Church Street Malpas Cheshire SY14 8PE				
Proposal:	7x mature trees, mixed Ash and Sycamore - Sever ivy from ground to 1.5m.				
	1x dead Sycamore - Fell to ground level.				
	1x dead Elm - Remove to ground level.				
	2x small Ash stems - Fell to ground level.				
	Remove lower dead branches from 1x Sycamore next to the road.				
	1x Sycamore on rear boundary - Remove deadwood.				
	Revisit in late spring to assess health of Ash trees.				
Consultation Deadline Date		20 th February 2023			

2. Executive Summary: (Delete which statements are not appropriate and add reasons.)

1/ Malpas Parish Council supports this application because:

2/ Malpas Parish Council objects to this application after careful consideration of the observations given below.

3/ Malpas Parish Council would make the observations as documented below:

4/ If the Cheshire West Council Planning Authority is minded to approve the application the Parish Council would request that the following conditions be included:

i/	That all the felled tree are replaced on a two for one basis as per Cheshire West Local Plan
	Part 2 (Policy DM45 – note 2) and the Malpas and Overton Neighbourhood Plan (Policy LC4)
ii/	

3. Background Factors:

Open countryside	Within settle	ement boundary	X		Conservation area	X
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Listed Building	Tree Preservation Orders		X			
Relevant Neighbourhood Plan Policies		LC4				

4. Positive aspects of development

Potential benefits	None identified
to the community	

5. Material considerations against development (visual, noise, pollution etc.)

Potential impact on neighbours	The removal of any living tree will result in a reduction of carbon capture capability and is likely to have increase pollution on near neighbours.
Potential impact on wider community	The removal of any living tree will result in a reduction of carbon capture capability in the community and loss of wild life habitation.

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6. Other relevant information for consideration

The council strongly objects to the removal of any living trees unless there is a proven case of a loss of human life. This on the grounds that the removal of living trees is contradictory to the actions required to combat Climate Change.

It is noted that the sketch plan provided with the application does not indicate the location of the seven trees to be felled, and only shows a red line around the complete Hayside Walk Development. When giving notice it is important that the trees and work specified are clearly stated with an accurate plan showing their location.

The application form askes the applicant to provide their proposals for planting of replacement trees. The applicant has failed to do this. In accordance with the neighbourhood plan and CWaCs Local Plan you are required to replace trees on a two for one basis.

The council would highlight that an application 22/02096/CAT was received in July 2022 to remove 7 trees in the same area of Hayside Walk. Approving this application will devastate the wildlife habitat in this important green corridor in the village.

The application should not be approved unless there is a proven severe threat to resident lives.

It is also noted that the application has been submitted by a commercial company from Helsby rather than a local resident.

If the Tree Officer Adam Carpenter is minded to approve this application then in line with the Planning rules of the Cheshire West Local Plan part 2 and the Malpas and Overton Neighbourhood Plan the council would request that the application is condition that lost trees are replaced on a two for one basis.

Malpas Parish Council like CW&C, has declared a climate emergency and would expect all proposals for new developments, extensions or alterations to recognise this, specifically by ensuring properties are at least carbon neutral, avoiding the use of fossil fuels and have facilities for the charging electric vehicles.

Dated: