



PLANNING COMMITTEE: –

20 September 2012

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY

APPLICATION TO FELL 20 LOMBARDY POPLAR TREES PER YEAR OVER A FOUR YEAR PERIOD UNTIL ALL 80 TREES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AT QUEEN MARY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, SUTTON ROAD, WALSALL, WS1 2PG.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the determination of the application to fell 20 Lombardy Poplar trees per year over a four year period contained in application 12/0858/TR protected by Tree Preservation Order 13 of 1972 (identified as G2 in the TPO).

This application has been brought to Planning Committee due to local interest.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- To refuse consent to fell 20 Lombardy Poplar trees per year over a four year period but grant consent to fell 6 Lombardy Poplar trees within 'G2' of Tree Preservation Order 13 of 1972 subject to replacement planting.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In limited cases, compensation may be payable if an application for tree works is refused by the council.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Applications to carry out works to protected trees are determined in accordance with legislation and government guidance. There are no council policy implications from this application.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**
Failure to comply with the law relating to Tree Preservation Order legislation renders anyone carrying out unauthorised works to trees liable to criminal proceedings.
6. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS**
None arising from this report.
7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**
The management of Walsall's tree cover through the administration of the Tree Preservation Order system has positive implications in protecting trees for their visual and environmental benefits. Removal of protected trees is often necessary because trees have a finite lifespan and may also cause nuisance or damage. In these instances the Council has to decide whether the removal of protected trees is justified. In the event that felling a tree is permitted, the Council can secure replacement planting to maintain tree cover.
8. **WARD(S) AFFECTED**
This application is situated within Paddock ward.
9. **CONSULTEES**
Near neighbours in Broadway West, Sutton Road, Birmingham Road, Jesson Close and Spring Court were consulted on this application.
10. **CONTACT OFFICER**
Andrew Cook - Extension: 4740
11. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**
File reference 12/0858/TR

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REPORT DETAIL

Application number: 12/0858/TR

Applicant: Mr. B. Smith, Wolverhampton Tree Service,
Building no.2, Smestow Bridge Industrial
Estate, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne,
Wolverhampton, WV5 8AY.

Date received: 2 July 2012

Expiry date: 5 September 2012

Reason for bringing to committee: This application has been brought to Planning Committee as a result of representations from local residents.

Application and Site Details

This is an application to fell 20 Lombardy Poplar trees per year over a four year period protected by Tree Preservation Order 13 of 1972 until all 80 trees have been removed on land at Queen Mary's Grammar School, Sutton Road, Walsall, WS1 2PG.

Policy Guidelines

National guidance relating to trees in Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas is found in 'Tree Preservation Orders. A guide to the law and good practice' March 2000 (updated May 2009).

Relevant Planning History

Eight applications have been received for works to trees within the grounds of the school since 2004 but none relate to the 80 trees which are the subject of this application.

Determining Issues

The Council has to decide if the proposed felling of 80 mature Lombardy Poplars will adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood and whether such works can be justified having regard for the reasons put forward in support of them and the representations received.

Representations

A total of 20 representations have been received from local residents, 19 objecting to the application and one representation in support.

The owner/ occupier of 268 Broadway North wrote in support of the application for reasons set out below.

- The trees are a serious danger. Quite often large branches are blown into the garden. After two trees fell down either side it is worrying going into the garden in windy spells. The sun is blocked from 4.00pm in the afternoon.

The owners/ occupiers of 228, 234, 256, 280 and 284 Broadway North, 191, 193 and 201 Birmingham Road, 12A, 15, 19 and 20 Jesson Close, 32 Spring Count, 80 and 82 Sutton Road (and others who did not disclose their addresses) objected to the proposals for the reasons summarised below:

- The trees enhance the environment and are an important feature in the landscape
- It will be detrimental to the wildlife in the area
- The trees form an invaluable wind break and act as an effective noise barrier
- The loss of the trees would spoil the view
- The loss of the trees would affect the drainage in the area
- The trees are not diseased or dangerous
- The loss of the trees would result in the loss of privacy and security
- The trees could be reduced in height instead of being felled

Most of these objections relate to the loss of the amenity of the area resulting from the loss of these trees.

Observations

The Lombardy Poplar trees proposed for removal are situated on Queen Mary's Grammar School playing fields adjacent to the rear gardens of the residential properties on Broadway North. They are growing in a single formal row that comprises 80 mature trees which extends for a distance of approximately 300m. Their heights range from approximately 20 to 26 metres.

The Lombardy Poplars are highly visible from outside of the site and have demonstrable amenity value. Apart from being visible from the properties

which back onto the eastern side of the playing fields, the trees are visible from Broadway North where they tower above the houses.

A site visit was undertaken on Tuesday 14 August 2012 by the council's tree officers and each of the trees was inspected individually from ground level only. All trees had been given a reference number starting from Lombardy Poplar tree tag no. 24314 which is the southern-most tree of the row to Lombardy Poplar tree tag no. 24397 which is the northern-most tree of the row. For ease of reference the tag numbers are referred to in this report but all trees are protected by Tree Preservation Order 13 of 1972. However, not all trees appear to be labelled with a tag so the missing numbers have been surmised by the tree officers.

When the 80 Poplar trees were inspected individually by council officers it was found that 6 of them are in very poor condition, they have extensive cavities on the main stem which has compromised their structural integrity and the recommendation is to remove these 6 trees for safety reasons at the earliest opportunity. The locations of these six trees in relation to the houses in Broadway North are described in the appendix. It should be noted that five of the six trees to be felled on condition grounds are to the rear of 246 Broadway North which would result in all the trees immediately to the rear of this property being removed. The sixth tree to be removed is to the rear of 248/250 Broadway North.

It should be noted that during the inspection it was not possible to thoroughly inspect 11 of the trees due to dense Ivy being present on the main stems or due to vegetation growing around the base. Removal of the Ivy and vegetation is therefore recommended to allow further inspection to ascertain their condition. It is possible that further works may be identified as a result of this. From a ground inspection the remaining 63 Poplars appear to be in fair condition showing no significant faults or defects. Whilst deadwood is evident throughout the crowns of the Poplar trees this is normal for the species and age of the trees and could be easily removed without the need to make an application to the council.

The application proposes the phased removal of the 80 Poplars over a four year period starting in year one at the southern end of the row with the removal of the first 20 Poplars trees (near Jesson Close) and then working northwards towards Sutton Road with the removal of the next 20 trees and so on until the entire row has been removed by year four. The tree report that accompanies the application identifies that the trees are in reasonable condition but proposes the works because it is considered that the life expectancy of the Poplar trees is limited and a planned tree replacement programme is a more sustainable option than waiting for the trees to require felling on grounds of condition alone. However, it is not specified in the tree report as to how long the remaining safe useful life expectancy of the trees is considered to be. A four year plan to remove the 80 trees would suggest that the trees are imminently close to dying or becoming dangerous, however, as the council's inspection identifies, the majority of the trees are in fair condition and it is likely that their safe useful life expectancy would extend well beyond

the four years proposed for their removal. The other consideration is that a phased felling over four years is too short a time for any replacement planting to become established before the next phase of felling takes place thereby exacerbating the impact the removal of these trees would have on the area.

In response to the letter of support:

- The council has no records of any tree having fallen into the garden of 268 Broadway North or any reports of large fallen branches and therefore cannot confirm the failure of any tree close to this property. However, the council has no interest in retaining dangerous trees but none of the 6 trees identified as potentially unsafe were in the immediate vicinity of this address. The removal of dead wood should reduce any fall of branches.
- The shading caused by the trees on properties in Broadway North is only for part of the day from the mid-afternoon onwards and is not considered excessive.

The Lombardy Poplars are highly visible from outside of the site and have demonstrable amenity value. With the exception of the six trees identified for removal due to their poor condition, the council tends to agree with the objectors and considers the loss of the remaining 74 trees over a four year period is premature and that they will continue to contribute significantly to the local landscape well beyond the four years that has been proposed for their phased removal.

The applicant would also have to satisfy themselves there were no birds or bats nesting/ roosting in the trees before felling on safety grounds was undertaken.

Recommendation

To refuse consent to fell 20 Lombardy Poplar trees per year over a four year period until 80 have been removed but to grant consent to fell 6 Lombardy Poplar trees assessed as being unsafe within 'G2' of Tree Preservation Order 13 of 1972.

Conditions and Reasons (or reasons for refusal)

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, as Local Planning Authority, hereby **refuses consent** for the following works as shown in this application;

- To remove 20 Lombardy Poplar trees per year over a four year period until all 80 trees have been removed.

For the following reasons;

- The council considers that the trees are in fair condition, highly visible from outside of the site and with demonstrable amenity value. They contribute significantly to the landscape of the area and their removal over a four year period would be premature and too short a time period to allow replacement tree planting to become established. No evidence has been provided by the applicant to support the removal of these trees by reason of their condition.

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, as a Local planning Authority, hereby **grants** consent for the following works;

1. To remove 6 Lombardy Poplar trees tag nos. 24367, 24371, 24372, 24373, 24374 and 24375.

Subject to the following conditions;

1. This decision to allow the removal of the 6 Poplar trees is subject to 6 replacement trees of a species and at locations agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The replacement trees must be nursery grown standards 8-10cm in girth (measured at 1.0m) at the time of planting and must be planted within twelve months of the trees removal and in accordance with good horticultural practice.

Reason: Pursuant to the requirements of Section 197 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and to protect the amenity and landscape value of the area.

2. Given that not all of the Poplar trees are tagged a meeting should be arranged prior to any felling works being undertaken between the applicant and the Local Authority tree officer in order to identify the 6 Poplar trees given consent for removal for safety reasons.

Reason: To define the permission.

3. All tree surgery work shall be completed in accordance with British Standard B.S. 3998:2010.

Reason: To protect the health and appearance of the tree(s) in the interest of maintaining the amenity of the area.

4. This permission expires 2 years from the date of the decision and any works not undertaken by the date of expiry shall be the subject of a further application.

Reason: In order to give the Local Planning Authority an opportunity of reassessing the condition of the trees in the event of works not being carried out.

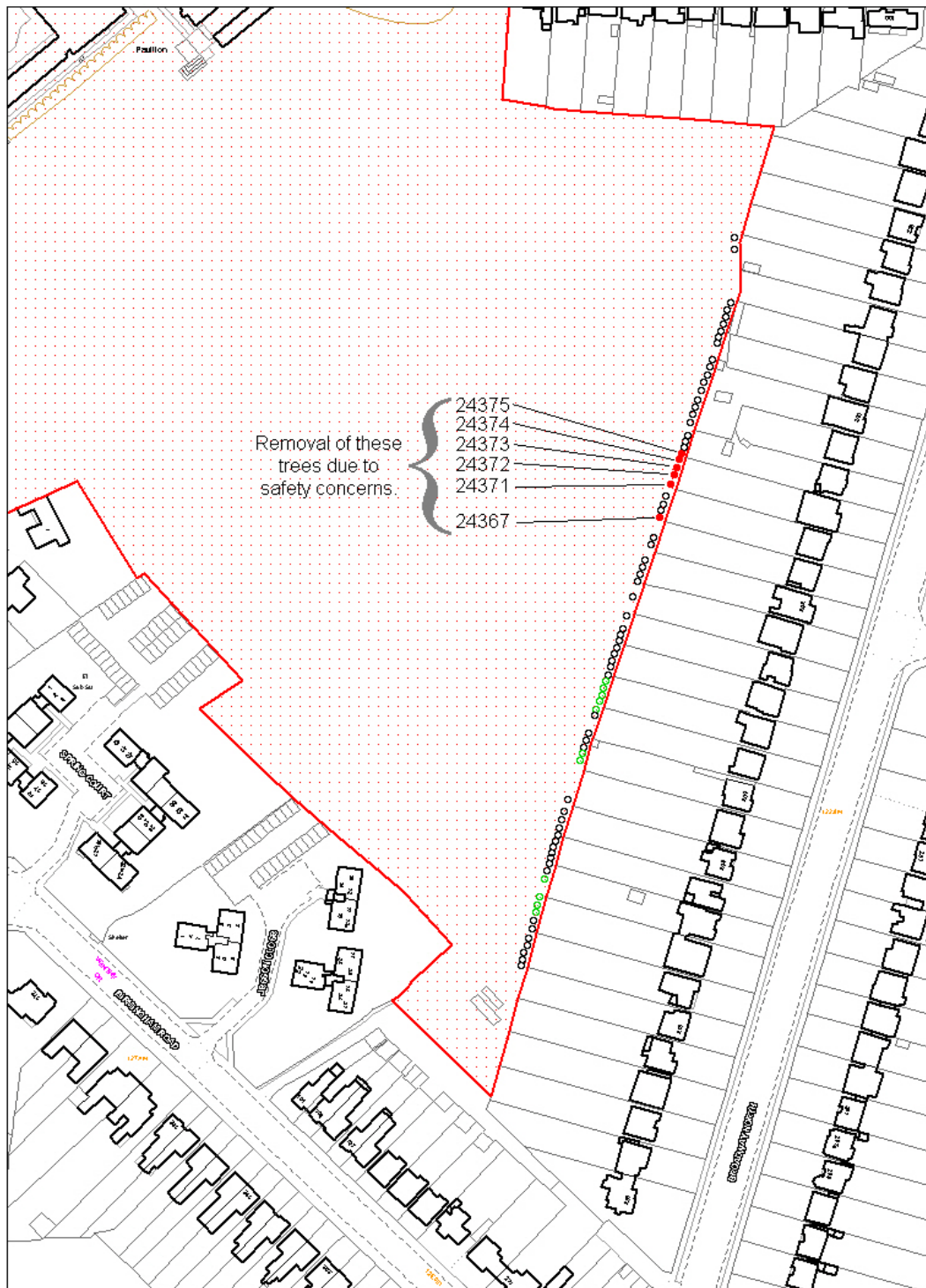
Note to Applicant;

1. All 18 species of bat found in Britain are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by National and European legislation). The applicant must inspect the trees for the presence of bat activity. If bats are discovered during inspection or subsequent work, all work must cease immediately and Natural England must be informed. They can be contacted on 0845 600 3078.
2. All wild birds, their nests and eggs are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. It is an offence to damage or destroy a nest of any wild bird. Birds are generally nesting between March and July, although exceptions to this do occur.
3. It is recommended to remove the vegetation around the base of Lombardy Poplar trees tag nos. 24324, 24325, 24326 and 24327 and to the removal of the Ivy on Lombardy Poplar trees tag nos. 24339, 24340, 24345, 24346, 24347, 24348 and 24349 to allow thorough inspection of the condition of the trees.
4. You may remove deadwood under Regulation 14(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 as this operation is exempt from the need to obtain formal planning permission.

SITE PLAN

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APPENDIX 1:

SUMMARY OF CONDITION OF TREES IN APPLICATION.

All trees have been given a reference tag starting from Lombardy Poplar tree tag no. 24314 which is the southern most tree of the row to Lombardy Poplar tree tag no. 24397 which is the northern most tree of the row. For ease of reference the tag numbers are referred to in this report but all trees are protected by Tree Preservation Order 13 of 1972. The trees are as follows:

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24314 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24317 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24318 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24319 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24320 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24321 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24322 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24323 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24324 – Suppressed by neighbouring trees. Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern.
No access was available to inspect the base of the tree due to the presence of dense vegetation.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24325 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species

and age and no cause for concern. **No access was available to inspect the base of the tree due to the presence of dense vegetation.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24326 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. **No access was available to inspect the base of the tree due to the presence of dense vegetation.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24327 – Suppressed by neighbouring trees. Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. **No access was available to inspect the base of the tree due to the presence of dense vegetation.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24328 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

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Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24330 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24331 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24332 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24333 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

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Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24337 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24338 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24339 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. **The main stem of the tree is covered in dense Ivy and consequently it was not possible to inspect the base of the tree thoroughly.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24340 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. **The main stem of the tree is covered in dense Ivy and consequently it was not possible to inspect the tree thoroughly.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24341 – Suppressed by neighbouring trees. Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24342 – Suppressed by neighbouring trees. Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24343 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24344 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24345 – Suppressed by neighbouring trees. Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. **The main stem of the tree is covered in dense Ivy and consequently it was not possible to inspect the tree thoroughly.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24346 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. **The main stem of the tree is covered in dense Ivy and consequently it was not possible to inspect the tree thoroughly.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24347 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. **The main stem of the tree is covered in dense ivy and consequently it was not possible to inspect the tree thoroughly.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24348 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. **The main stem of the tree is covered in dense ivy and consequently it was not possible to inspect the tree thoroughly.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24349 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. **The main stem of the tree is covered in dense ivy and consequently it was not possible to inspect the tree thoroughly.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24350 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24351 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

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Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24363 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24364 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. Large buttress roots but no significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24365 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24366 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24367 to rear of 248-250 Broadway North – There is an extensive cavity on the main stem with decay present which is significant enough to have compromised the structural integrity of the tree. **Removal of the tree is recommended for safety reasons.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24368 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24369 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24370 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24371 to rear of 246-248 Broadway North
– There is an extensive cavity on the main stem with decay present which is significant enough to have compromised the structural integrity of the tree. **Removal of the tree is recommended for safety reasons.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24372 to rear of 246 Broadway North – There is an extensive cavity on the main stem which is significant enough to have compromised the structural integrity of the tree. There is also a large fungal bracket at the base of the tree; however, it was too decayed to make a positive identification. **Removal of the tree is recommended for safety reasons.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24373 to rear of 246 Broadway North – There is an extensive cavity on the main stem with decay present which is significant enough to have compromised the structural integrity of the tree. **Removal of the tree is recommended for safety reasons.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24374 to rear of 246 Broadway North – There is an extensive cavity on the main stem with decay present which is significant enough to have compromised the structural integrity of the tree. **Removal of the tree is recommended for safety reasons.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24375 to rear of 244-246 Broadway North
– There is an extensive cavity on the main stem with decay present which is significant enough to have compromised the structural integrity of the tree. **Removal of the tree is recommended for safety reasons.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24376 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. There is a cavity on the main stem but it was at a height which made it impossible to inspect from ground level. **Further inspection of the cavity to ascertain its significance is recommended.**

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24377 – Suppressed by neighbouring trees. Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24378 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24379 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. Large buttress roots but no significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24381 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24380 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects evident.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24382 – Suppressed by neighbouring trees. Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24383 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. Old pruning wound evident but no significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24384 – Suppressed by neighbouring trees. Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24385 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

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Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24387 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24388 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24389 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24390 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. There is a small area of decay on the main stem but it is not significant.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24391 – Suppressed by neighbouring trees. Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24392 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.

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Mature Lombardy Poplar tag no. 24397 – Minor dead wood evident throughout the crown but this is not uncommon for a tree of this species and age and no cause for concern. No significant faults or defects.