

## REPORT FROM SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL VOLUNTARY TREE WARDENS

PA24/03845 – Dartana Forder Saltash Cornwall PL12 4QR

I visited this site on 4th June with the landowner (the other Tree Wardens were unavailable).

It seems drastic to fell 6 trees on one site at the same time. I agree that 5 of them are affected by ash die back ADB (T4 probably not). And there seems little doubt that T1, T2 and T3 are in sites where falling limbs could cause significant damage to garden structures so their removal on the grounds of ADB can be justified.

It is more difficult to justify felling T4, T5 and T6 on the grounds of ADB (the reason stated in the application) at this stage in the disease: one (T4) is hardly affected if at all, the others may yet prove to be resistant and are meanwhile providing valuable habitat. Then the owner told me he was planning to replace these three ash with oak trees - so this becomes an issue of whether we are losing public amenity. These ash trees are on the skyline but well back from the road, among fields. So they probably won't be missed in the short term, and in the long term the skyline will be filled with oak.

Overall then I don't think I have grounds for recommending imposing TPOs, but I have added this note to the application so that the Tree Officer can consider the point.

End of Report  
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