DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made: 28 June 2010

Reference: - 10/00362/TPO **Parish: - Burbage Parish Council**

Applicant: - Mrs Dawn O'Shea
133 Coventry Road
Burbage
Hinckley
Leicestershire

Location: - 133 Coventry Road Burbage Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 2HN

Proposal:- WORKS TO ONE WHITE WILLOW (T1 ON TPO)

Introduction:-

This application seeks approval for the removal of two branches to prevent further blossom and fruit falling from the tree.

Consultations:-

Burbage Parish Council has replied saying that they wish to object to the application due to the Willow tree being more important than the Damson tree.

The Local Authorities Tree Officer has replied saying "I can see no significant benefit to removal of low branches on the NE side as this would create a gap in the crown and would spoil its shape. If the crown is lifted over the Damson, re-growth would be very rapid and any perceived problem would quickly re-occur. Any work should be undertaken by a qualified tree surgeon and in accordance with BS 3998:1989 Recommendations for Tree Work."

Development Plan Policies:-

No Policies.

Appraisal:-

The White Willow tree (T1) which is subject to the removal of two branches forms part of the 133 Coventry Road, Burbage, Tree Preservation Order 2007.

The main consideration with regards to this application is the health of the tree and visual amenity.

Upon inspection of the White Willow tree it appears that the tree is in good health and adds significantly to the surrounding area. It is clear from the site inspection that two branches overhang a Damson tree a tree not protected by Tree Preservation Order.

The Council's arboriculturalist has advised that he can see no significant benefit to the removal of the low branches as this would create a gap in the crown and would spoil the shape and that any work carried out would cause the problem to quickly re-occur and potentially damage the amenity value of the tree. The applicant is advised that further consideration should be given to the removal of the Damson Tree and possible replanting in a more suitable location.

Conclusion.

As the works proposed within this application would result in detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the tree and would only be alleviating the problem within the short term and future re-growth would cause the problem to re-occur quickly. On that basis this application is recommended for refusal.

Recommendation: - Refuse Consent to carry out work to tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order for the following reasons:-

Reasons:-

1 The works to the White Willow would result in a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the surrounding area and the future growth of the tree.

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