DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made:

Reference:- 11/00354/TPOCA **Parish:- Newbold Verdon Parish Council**

Applicant:- Mr Edward Massey
Rectory View
14 Rectory Gardens
Newbold Verdon
Leicestershire

Location:- Rectory View 14 Rectory Gardens Newbold Verdon Leicester Leicestershire

Proposal:- REMOVAL OF ASH TREE

Introduction:-

This application notifies the Local Planning Authority of intent to remove one Ash Tree from the rear garden of 14 Rectory Gardens, Newbold Verdon. The tree is not protected by a Tree Preservation Order but is sited within Newbold Verdon Conservation Area.

Site History

08/00152/TPO - Works to 15 Trees

07/00940/FUL - Erection of 13 Dwellings with associated parking and access

Consultations:-

The following consultation responses have been received :-

Newbold Verdon Parish Council object to the removal of this tree as they consider that a large number trees have already bean cut down in this area. In addition, they appear to believe that this tree is covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

The Local Authorities Tree Officer has passed comment that this tree is suppressed and its removal would benefit the other surrounding trees.

Development Plan Policies:-

No policies

Appraisal:-

For the avoidance of doubt there is no tree preservation order on the subject tree, therefore the main consideration with regards to this application is whether the tree is worthy of protecting with a Tree Preservation Order.

Amenity Value

The tree itself is visible to the users of Main Street which is the primary access route through the village. However, although in a prime location, the tree is not visually attractive due to its suppressed state.

Health

As stated above, the tree is suppressed due to the dominance of the surrounding two mature Sycamore Tree's and a Yew tree which are protected by a Tree Preservation Order (ref 0801/15/05).

In summary, the tree is not considered worthy of protecting with a Tree Preservation Order due to its suppressed state. Furthermore, it is considered that the surrounding protected trees would benefit the removal of the this tree.

Recommendation:- No objection to work to tree(s) within Conservation Area subject to the following conditions:-

Reasons :-

Notes to Applicant:-

1 Bats, nesting birds, great crested newts and certain other species are protected by law. If any such species are discovered before or during the works the works must be suspended and the local office of Natural England contacted for advice.

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