DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made: 15 August 2011

Reference:- 11/00568/TPOCA **Parish:- Stoke Golding Parish Council**

Applicant:- Mrs Lawson
12 Station Road
Stoke Golding
Nuneaton
Leicestershire

Location:- 12 Station Road Stoke Golding Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 6EZ

Proposal:- WORKS TO ONE SYCAMORE AND ONE HORSECHESTNUT

Introduction:-

This application seeks approval to carry out works to one Sycamore and one Horsechestnut tree located at No. 12 Station Road, Stoke Golding. The trees are located on the northern boundary of the site, overhanging the properties to the rear on Andrews Close. The trees are not protected by a Tree Preservation Order but do lie within the Stoke Golding Conservation Area and within the curtilage of a Listed Building.

The works to the Sycamore, marked T1 on the submitted plan, consist of raising the northern part of the Crown by removing the 5 lower branches from the north side to allow more light into the neighbouring property (40 Andrews Close). The works to the Horsechestnut tree, marked T3 on the submitted plan, consist of the pruning back of the branches overhanging the adjacent property (39 Andrews Close), to give a 2m clearance from the house.

Consultations:-

The Borough Council's Arboriculturalist has responded saying that the works are appropriate.

No objections have been received from:-
Stoke Golding Parish Council.

Development Plan Policies:-

No Policies.

Appraisal:-

The main consideration in the determination of this application is whether the trees are worthy of a Tree Preservation Order.

Following a site visit, it is considered that although the trees are fair specimens, it is not considered that either contribute to the wider area significantly enough to warrant a Tree Preservation Order. It is also considered that the proposal would not have a detrimental impact on the health, safety or visual appearance of the trees or surrounding Conservation Area. It is not considered that the trees are currently under any kind of threat from the proposal and therefore the application is recommended for approval.

Recommendation:- No objection to work to tree(s) within Conservation Area

Notes to Applicant:-

1 It is a criminal offence to damage or destroy a bat roost. Therefore, if the tree is mature and has hollow cavities and / or is covered with ivy, or has suitable places in which bats might roost, we recommend that it be surveyed for bats before any work is carried out to the tree. All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act. We recommend that work to trees is done outside the bird-nesting season - i.e between the end of August and beginning March. If work to the tree is to be undertaken during the bird breeding season, we recommend that a suitably qualified ecologist surveys the tree for nesting birds. If nesting birds are present, work must be postponed until the young have left the nest.

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