DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made: 22 June 2011

Reference:- 11/00393/TPOCA **Parish:- Sutton Cheney Parish Council**

Applicant:- The Trustees of Andrew Wynne No 1 Settlement
10 Church Square
Market Harborough
Leicestershire
LE16 7NB

Location:- Laurel Cottage Main Street Sutton Cheney Nuneaton Leicestershire

Proposal:- WORKS TO ONE OAK AND ONE YEW TREE

Introduction:-

This application seeks approval to carry out works to an Oak tree and a Yew tree located within the garden of Laurel Cottage, Main Street, Sutton Cheney. The trees are not covered under a Preservation Order but do lie within the Sutton Cheney Conservation Area. The Oak tree is located on the North-eastern boundary between Laurel Cottage and the neighbouring property, White Cottage. The Yew tree is located on the oppsite side of the site, well within the curtilage of Laurel Cottage.

The work to the Oak tree consists of the reduction of a single limb on the South-east side of the Crown by 2m, back to a suitable growth point and the reduction of the Crown by 1-1.5m on the South/South-west side and raising of the lower hanging branches.

The work to the Yew tree consists of Crown raising to 2.5m in height and prune back the branch tips to retain Crown symmetry.

History:-

08/00729/TPOCA	Works to Copper Beech tree	Approved	18/08/08.
06/01287/TPOCA	Works to trees	Approved	19/12/06.
01/00213/TPO	Removal of trees and trimming of large Yew tree	Approved	09/04/01.
97/00973/TPO	Removal of side branches of one Oak tree	Approved	03/12/97.

Consultations:-

At the time of writing the report no response has been received from:-

Ward Members
Sutton Cheney Parish Council.

Development Plan Policies:-

No Policies.

Appraisal:-

The main considerations in the determination of this application are the visual amenity of the trees and the surrounding area. The works proposed are minimal and considered necessary maintenance for these species of tree. It is not considered that the trees are under any threat from the proposal, nor that the proposed works will detrimentally impact on the visual amenity of the trees and therefore the application is recommended for approval.

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

Reasons :-

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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