DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made: 23 May 2011

Reference:- 11/00336/CTPO **Parish:- Market Bosworth Parish Council**

Applicant:- David Neave
18 Rectory Lane
Market Bosworth
Nuneaton
Leicestershire

Location:- 18 Rectory Lane Market Bosworth Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 0LS

Proposal:- REMOVAL OF SYCAMORE

Introduction:-

This County Council application seeks approval for the removal of a Sycamore tree located within the curtilage of No. 18 Rectory Lane, Market Bosworth. The tree is protected under the Leicestershire County Council Market Bosworth (Park House) Tree Preservation Order 1970 and forms part of a group Order.

The applicant's reason for the proposal is the possible future damage to the property.

Relevant Planning History:-

05/01250/CTPO WORKS TO TREE Approved 20/01/2006

Consultations:-

At the time of writing the report no commetns have been received from:-

Market Bosworth Parish Council
Ward Members
Borough Council's Arboriculturalist

Development Plan Policies:-

No Policies.

Appraisal:-

The main consideration in respect of this application is the loss of visual amenity within the group Order.

The reason for removal is the possible future damage to No. 18 Rectory Lane; however, section 8 of the application form relating to the condition of the tree or alledged damage to property has not been completed, neither has any evidence been supplied by a professional in support of the application.

It is unclear in what respect the applicant has concerns over safety and potential future damafge. The position of the tree is such that there is considerable distance between the base and the property and it is considered that to warrant it's removal, some professional evidence would be required. It is also considered that should the applicant's concern be in relation to the spread of the Crown, that suitable pruning works can be carried out to maintain the health, visual appearance and safety of the tree.

It is considered that insufficient evidence had been supplied to warrant the loss of this important protected tree and that it's unnecessary loss would impact upon the surrounding area to it's detriment. It is therefore recommended that this application is refused.

RECOMMENDATION:- That the Leicestershire County Council be advised that Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council has the following comments to make:-

1 That the lack of information and professional supporting evidence supplied would result in the unnecessary loss of an important tree to the detriment of the group Order and the surrounding area and that the application be refused.

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