COMMITTEE EXTRACT

Committee Date:

Reference:- 09/00305/TPO **Parish:- Desford Parish Council**

Applicant:- Mr Hemsworth
27 Peckleton Lane
Desford
Leicester
LE9 9JU

Location:- 27 Peckleton Lane Desford Leicester LE9 9JU

Proposal:- WORKS TO 3x ASH TREES

Introduction:-

This application seeks approval for the removal of three Ash trees as T2 has a significant lean whereas the other trees are overhanging the footpath and are hazard to passers by with leafs and small twigs. With the exception of the leaning Ash tree which is to be recommended for removal and replacement the remaining T1 and T3 Ash trees are in need of maintenance work to be carried out.

Consultations:-

There have been no responses received from: -

The Parish Council

The Local Planning Authority's Arboriculturlist has responded saying that T1 is in fair condition and is worthy of retention however dead wood and broken branches require cleaning out.

T2 is in poor condition and is leaning with numerous dead branches and low vigour. The decline in the health of the tree is likely due to root damage during construction. He has recommended approval along with replanting of No 1 Prunus "Tai Haku" the Great White Cherry 10-12cm stem girth.

T3 is again worthy of retention as it is in fair condition it has been recommend that crown lifting to 4m by removal of secondary branches from the underside of the low limb heading towards the highway. Ivy should be cut at ground level and stripped late. The crown could be thinned by approximately 10-15% to create an improved branch structure.

Development Plan Policies:-

No Policies.

Appraisal:-

The trees are in serious need of some maintenance work and the proposed work will be benifical to the trees and the surrounding area,

1 Works to be limited to the removal of dead wood and broken branches require cleaning out on Ash tree T1

2 Works to be limited on T3 to crown lifting to 4m by removal of secondary branches from the underside of the low limb spreading towards the highway. Ivy should be cut at ground level and stripped late. The crown to be thinned by 10-15% to create an improved branch structure.

3 Works to be limited to the removal of Ash tree (T2) only. The tree shall be replaced by planting of 1no. Prunus "Tai-Haku" (Great White Cherry Tree) with a 10-12cm stem girth.

4 All works hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with BS 3998 'Recommendation for Tree Works'.

Reasons :-

1 The maintain the visual amenity of the surrounding area.

2 To maintain the visual amenity of the surrounding area.

3 To maintain the visual appearance of the surrounding area.

4 To ensure all work is carried out in a satisfactory manor.

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.

2 This permission does not grant approval under the Building Act 1984 and the Building Regulations 2000 (as amended) for which a separate application may be required. You are advised to contact the Building Control Section.

3. As from 6th April 2008 this Authority are charging for the discharge of conditions in accordance with revised fee regulations which came into force on that date. Application forms to discharge conditions and further information can be found on the planning portal web site www.planningportal.gov.uk.

4. All works within the limits of the Highway with regard to the access shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Southern Area Manager (0116 3052202).

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