DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made:

Reference:- 11/00677/TPO **Parish:- Desford Parish Council**

Applicant:- Mrs Suzanne Jefford
The Beeches
4 Grange Court
Desford
Leicester

Location:- The Beeches 4 Grange Court Desford Leicester Leicestershire

Proposal:- WORKS TO ONE BEECH TREE (AREA TPO)

Introduction:-

This application seeks consent to remove the dead wood from a Beech Tree which is sited in the rear garden of 4 Grange Court Desford. The tree falls within Desford Conservation Area and is protected by the Borough Council of Hinckley and Bosworth Desford Grange Tree Preservation Order 1976.

Relevant planning history :-

00/01089/TPO POLLARDING ONE POPLAR - Permitted
02/01216/FUL SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO DWELLING - Permitted
02/01416/TPO REMOVAL OF TWO HORSE CHESTNUT TREES - Permitted
99/00574/TPO REMOVAL OF ONE BEECH TREE - Permitted
05/00944/TPO WORKS TO TREES - Permitted
11/00655/TPO REMOVAL OF ONE BEECH TREE (AREA TPO) - Pending consideration
11/00678/TPO - WORKS TO POPLAR TREE - Pending consideration

Consultations:-

The Local Planning Authority's Conservation Officer has no comments to make on this application.

The Borough Council's Tree Officer (Julian Simpson) has commented that to enable to remove a Beech Tree T1 (which is being considered under application ref 11/00655/TPO) there is likely to be a need to remove or shorten a live branch from this beech tree, which would be acceptable if undertaken in accordance with BS 3998:2010

Development Plan Policies:-

No policies

Appraisal:-

The main consideration with regards to this application is whether the proposed works will have a detrimental effect on the health and appearance of this tree.

Health

Removing dead wood from this tree will aid the growth of the live branches and remove the risk of failure and possible damage which may be caused by falling branches. The Local Planning Authority's Tree Officer has stated that a reduction in a live branch may be required to enable the removal of beech tree T1 which is being considered under a separate application. The reduction of this branch, whether dead or alive is considered acceptable.

Appearance

The removal of dead wood will result in a more attractive specimen and is not considered to have a detrimental effect on the appearance of this tree.

Recommendation:- Consent to carry out work to tree(s) protected by a Tree Preservation Order subject to the following conditions:-

1 All works are to be carried out in accordance with British Standards 3998 - 'Works to Trees'.

2 Works are limited to the removal of dead wood, and one single live branch which extends towards Beech tree T1 as indicated in the submitted drawing only.

Reasons :-

1 To ensure the works are carried out in a satisfactory manner.

2 To maintain the health and appearance of the tree and the surrounding area.

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 6 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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