DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made:

Reference:- 11/00678/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 POPLAR TREE (AREA TPO)

Introduction:-

This application seeks consent for the pollarding of a Poplar tree which is sited within the rear garden of No. 4 Grange Court, Desford. The tree falls within Desford Conservation Area and is protected by the Borough Council of Hinckley 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
11/00677/TPO WORKS TO ONE BEECH TREE (AREA TPO) - Pending Consideration

Consultations:-

The Local Planning Authorities Conservation Officer has no comments to make on this application.

The Borough Council's Arboricultural Consultant has commented that previous pollarding has resulted in branch failure and therefore, re pollarding is acceptable.

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 visual appearance of this tree.

Health

This tree has been pollarded previously (00/01089/TPO) and has been allowed to regenerate of over recent years. Further pollarding is appropriate in this instance and is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the health of this tree.

Visual impact

Although initially the pollarding process is visually dramatic, re growth is fast and will allow for an even shape

to develop over coming years which will add to the amenity of the area.

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'.

Reasons :-

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

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