DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made: 21 April 2009

Reference:- 09/00224/TPOCA **Parish:- Ratby Parish Council**

Applicant:- Mr Frank Moore
28 Chapel Lane
Ratby
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Leicestershire

Location:- 28 Chapel Lane Ratby Leicester Leicestershire LE6 0JD

Proposal:- FELLING OF NO 2 TREES.

Introduction:-

This application seeks approval for the felling of two trees. The trees fall within Ratby Conservation Area. Both trees are willow trees one being a weeping willow :- Salix x Sepulcralis the other being described on the application form as a pussy willow is likely to be a goat willow :- salix caprea. The two trees lie within the front garden of no 28 Chapel Lane Ratby.

The reason for removal stated on the application form is that the roots of the two trees are affecting the drainage system.

An application for the removal of one pine tree and the topping of a laurel hedge was approved in 2008.

Consultations:-

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

No reply has been received from Ratby Parish Council.

The Local Authority's tree officer has not been consulted on this application.

Development Plan Policies:-

No policies.

Appraisal:-

Whilst the two trees do contribute to the conservation area, the weeping willow being particularly visible due to the slope and curve of Chapel Street, they are not especially mature or attractive trees so are perhaps not ideally suited for a TPO in their own right.

Due to being high water demanding trees it is possible that they could have caused damage to the sewers as the ideal location for these trees are next to streams and rivers.

Therefore I recommend that the application be approved unconditionally.

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