DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made: 1 November 2011

Reference:- 11/00786/TPO **Parish:- Hinckley**

Applicant:- Mrs Shelagh Moore
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Location:- Land At Corner Of Middlefield Court Middlefield Court Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 0QT

Proposal:- WORKS TO HORSE CHESTNUT TREE (MARKED T1 ON TPO)

Introduction:-

This application seeks approval for works to one Horse Chestnut tree (T1) which is sited on landfronting Middlefield Lane.

There is no relevant planning history on this site.

Consultations:-

The Borough Council's Arboricultural Consultant has advised that the branches are close to the gable end and that shortening the branches to provide clearance would be acceptable.

Development Plan Policies:-

No Policies.

Appraisal:-

The Horse Chestnut tree forms part of the Hinckley (Middlefield Lane) Tree Preservation Order 1975.

The main considerations with regards to this application are whether the proposed works will have a detrimental effect on the health and visual appearance of the tree and the surrounding area.

Upon inspection of the Horse Chestnut tree (T1) it appears that the tree is in good health and adds significantl amenity value to the surrounding area. It is however clear that some maintenance work would be beneficial to the tree to help maintain the visual amenity value and the future health of the tree.

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

1 Works to be limited to the reduction of the lower branches to give a 2.5 metre clearance.

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

Reasons :-

1 To maintain the visual amenity of the surrounding area.

2 To ensure all works are 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 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).

5 This permission does not convey any authority to carry out works to a tree not within the control of the applicant without prior permission.

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