DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made:

Reference:- 10/00031/CTPO **Parish:- Groby Parish Council**

Applicant:- Mr Burrows
53 Markfield Road
Groby
Leicester
Leicestershire

Location:- 53 Markfield Road Groby Leicester Leicestershire LE6 0FL

Proposal:- FELLING OF THREE ASH TREES

Introduction:-

This application is a consultation from Leicestershire County Council in respect of an application they have received to carry out works to a County Tree Preservation Order (0801/09/02). The proposal is to remove three Ash Trees from the front garden of the residential property 53 Markfield Road, Goby.

All subject trees fall within the group Tree Preservation Order.

Consultations:-

No consultations

Development Plan Policies:-

No polices

Appraisal:-

Following a site visit, it is evident that there is a loss of bark at the base of Ash tree T3 and a Ash Tree T1 suffers from a large decaying cavity at the base of the tree. A certain amount of dead wood is present in all 3 Ash Trees.

Ash Tree T2 has large stems which overhang the residential property and the access road as well as the residential garden. If Ash Trees T1 and T3 were removed, the windloading on the remaining Ash T2 would increase placing more pressure on these prominent 45 to 60 degree limbs and would result in a compromise on the safety of the tree.

All three Ash trees have a positive contribution on the amenity of the surrounding area, however, the trees are now of poor health with a limited life span.

If consent be given for the removal of the three Ash trees, a condition should be placed on the decision notice requiring the replanting of three trees, in order to restore the amenity value lost by the removal of the Ash trees.

RECOMMENDATION :- That the Leicestershire County Council be advised that Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council has the following comments to make:-

1 The Local Planning Authority raises no objection to the proposal but request that a condition be imposed on any decision issued, requiring replanting to restore the amenity value lost by the removal of the three Ash trees.

Reasons :-

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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