DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made:

Reference:- 11/00655/TPO **Parish:- Desford Parish Council**

Applicant:- Mrs Suzanne Jefford
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Location:- 4 Grange Court Desford Leicester Leicestershire LE9 9QY

Proposal:- REMOVAL OF ONE BEECH TREE (AREA TPO)

Introduction:-

This application seeks consent to remove one Beech tree from 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 and Bosworth Desford Grange Tree Preservation Order 1976. The justification provided is that the tree is infected with Meripilus Giganteus.

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
11/00677/TPO WORKS TO ONE BEECH TREE (AREA TPO) - Pending Consideration

Consultations:-

The Borough Council's Tree Officer has commented that there is no evidence of Meripilus Giganteus within this tree but extensive colonisation of a large stem wound by Ustilina Deusta indicating extensive internal decay and therefore requires felling for safety reasons. In addition, it is recommended that a more detailed plan be requested which plots the location of the other trees within the site which are not subject to this application for clarity purposes.

Development Plan Policies:-

No polices

Appraisal:-

The main consideration with regards to this application is whether the health of the tree has deteriorated to such a degree which warrants the trees removal.

The applicant has claimed that this tree has Meripilus Giganteus however, this has been disputed by the Local Planning Authority's Tree Officer, who has stated that the tree has Ustulina Deusta decay. In any case, it has been established that the tree's health is has deteriorated to such a level as to warrant its removal.

It is appropriate to request a replacement tree in this location to provide continuity within the landscape

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 No works are to be carried out on site until a replacement tree scheme which includes details of species, size and the location of a replacement tree is submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Planting should be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme in the next planting season.

Reasons :-

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

2 To provide continuity within the landscape.

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.

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