DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made:

Reference:- 11/00177/TPOCA **Parish:- Shackerstone Parish Council**

Applicant:- Marion Cullen
Temple Mill
Gibbett

Location:- Village Green Insleys Lane Shackerstone Leicestershire

Proposal:- WORKS TO TREES

Introduction:-

This application seeks to notify the Local Planning Authority of the intention to remove four trees, carry out works to four trees and the removal of epicormic growth from a group of trees on the village green in Shackerstone. All of the trees are within Shackerstone Conservation Area however, none of the trees on the Village Green are protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

Full schedule of works

T1 Acacia - Fell due to splitting trunk
T2 Chestnut - Remove splitting limb
T3 Lime - Raise canopy by 2.5m to provide clearance over the highway
T4 Chestnut - Fell
T5 Lime - Raise canopy by 2.5m to provide clearance over the highway
T6 Chestnut - Fell
T7 Acacia - provide 1m clearance from the adjacent Oak tree.
T8 Cherry - Fell
Group G1 (various species) remove epicormic growth

The village green is situated at the west end of the village and is surrounded by public highway and residential properties providing high amenity value. This application has been submitted by the Parish Council as a result of advice provided by the Borough Councils Arboricultural Specialist.

Relevant history :-

05/00007/TPOCA - Works to trees - No objection raised
09/00124/TPOCA - Works to trees - No objection raised

Consultations:-

No representations have been received from Shackerstone Parish Council and the Conservation Officer has no comments to make on this application.

Development Plan Policies:-

No policies

Appraisal:-

The main consideration with regards to this notification are whether the subject trees are worthy of protecting with a Tree Preservation Order.

The trees which have been indentified to be felled (T1 Acacia, T4 Chestnut, T6 Chestnut and T8 Cherry) are

structurally defective, un healthy poor specimens and because of this are not worthy of protection.

The trees which have been scheduled for various minor works border the green and are clearly visible from all public areas providing a high level of amenity to the users of the green and passers by, travelling through village. The proposed works to these trees are considered appropriate and in the spirit of good arboricultural practice for trees to prosper in such a location. The Village Green is a public space owned and maintained by a public body and as such, the threat to these trees is minimal. Part of the assessment used to consider whether trees require protecting, requires an evaluation of health, siting and threat. Trees T2,T3,T5 and T7 are of good health and appropriately sited in clearly visible area. However, in the absence of threat, it is considered that these trees do not require protection.

I therefore recommend that the Local Planning Authority raise no objection to the works proposed within this notification.

Recommendation:- No objection to work to tree(s) within Conservation Area subject to the following conditions:-

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 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).

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