DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made: 30 June 2011

Reference:- 11/00278/TPO **Parish:-**

Applicant:- Mrs Rachael Long
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Location:- Triangle Of Land Adjacent Allotment Gardens Clivesway Hinckley Leicestershire

Proposal:- WORKS TO TWO TREES

Introduction:-

This application seeks approval to carry out works to two Sycamore trees located on a triangle of land adjacent to the Allotment Gardens on Clivesway, Hinckley. The trees are protected by the Hinckley (The Manor, Hollycroft) Tree Preservation Order, 1995.

The works consist of the removal of 4 no. branches to T1 and 8 no. branches to T2, as clearly identified on the submitted information. The reason for the works are due to the branches overhanging onto the roof of an existing outbuilding and causing damage to the roof.

History:-
09/00117/TPO Removal of 1 no. common Horsechestnut tree Approved 15/04/09.
05/00836/TPO Removal of two Sycamore trees Approved 24/10/05.
04/01287/TPO Works to trees Approved 16/11/04.

Consultations:-

At the time of writing the report no comments have been received from:-
Ward Members.

The Borough Council's Arboriculturalist has responded confirming that the branches have clearly caused damage to the roof of the outbuilding and the branches proposed for removal have been clearly identified within the submission details, therefore approval is recommended subject to the work being carried out in accordance with British Standards and that the works are limited to the removal of 4 no. branches from T1 and 8 no. from T2.

Development Plan Policies:-

No Policies.

Appraisal:-

The main considerations in the determination of this application are the health and appearance of the trees.

The information submitted clearly identifies the branches to be removed and the level of work proposed. It is clear that the branches have caused damage to the outbuilding roof as mentioned in the application. It is considered that providing the work is carried out in accordance with British Standards, the proposal will have no detrimental impact on the health or appearance of the trees. Therefore, the application is recommended for approval.

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

1 Works are limited to the removal of four branches to T1 and eight branches to T2, as clearly identified in the submitted information only.

2 All works shall be carried out in accordance with British Standards 3998 - 'Works to Trees'.

Reasons :-

1 To maintain the health and visual appearance of the trees.

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

Notes to Applicant:-

1 It is a criminal offence to damage or destroy a bat roost. Therefore, if the tree is mature and has hollow cavities and / or is covered with ivy, or has suitable places in which bats might roost, we recommend that it be surveyed for bats before any work is carried out to the tree. All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act. We recommend that work to trees is done outside the bird-nesting season - i.e between the end of August and beginning March. If work to the tree is to be undertaken during the bird breeding season, we recommend that a suitably qualified ecologist surveys the tree for nesting birds. If nesting birds are present, work must be postponed until the young have left the nest.

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