**DELEGATED REPORT**

**Recommendation Made: 17 August 2011**

**Reference:- 11/00487/TPOCA** **Parish:- Desford Parish Council**

**Applicant:- Mrs Elizebeth Fifer**
**22 Cottage Lane**
**Desford**
**Leicester**
**Leicestershire**

**Location:- 22 Cottage Lane Desford Leicester Leicestershire LE9 9GF**

**Proposal:- REMOVAL OF NINE LEYLANDII**

**Introduction:-**

This application seeks approval for the removal of 9 No. Leylandii trees, forming part of the boundary treatment between the footpath and the driveways to No.'s 20 and 22 Cottage Lane, Desford. The trees are not protected by a Tree Preservation Order, but lie within the Desford Conservation Area.

The justification for the removal of the trees is due to access issues to the driveway and the poor quality of the trees.

**Consultations:-**

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

**Development Plan Policies:-**

No Policies.

**Appraisal:-**

The main considerations with regards to the determination of this application are the quality of the trees and whether they are worthy of protecting to contribute to the surrounding Conservation Area.

It is considered that the Leylandii trees that form the northern part of the hedgerow are very poor in quality, contribute very little to the Conservation Area and therefore do not warrant the protection of a Tree Preservation Order. The applicant has stated that following the removal of the trees, they will be replaced with Hawthorne to match the remaining existing hedgerow.

The application is therefore recommended for approval.

**Recommendation:- No objection to work to tree(s) within Conservation Area**

**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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