DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made:

Reference:- 09/00576/TPOCA **Parish:- Desford Parish Council**

Applicant:- Ms Sally Hutchings
1 Church Lane
Desford
Leicester
Leicestershire

Location:- 1 Church Lane Desford Leicester Leicestershire LE9 9GD

Proposal:- WORKS TO LAVENDER AND COPPER BEECH (L AND CB ON PLAN)

Introduction:-

This application seeks approval to carry out works to one Lavender and Copper Beech tree. The trees are not covered by a Tree Preservation Order but do fall within Desford Conservation Area. Both of the subject trees are sited in the front garden of 1 Church Lane, Desford, directly adjacent to Main Street. The applicants reason for carrying out the reduction works to the Lavender Tree, are to remove obstruction to street lighting.

History :-

01/00824/TPO WORKS TO SYCAMORE TREES Permitted

02/00764/TPO CUTTING DOWN ONE HAZEL TREE Permitted

05/00177/TPOCA REMOVAL OF TREE Permitted

06/01290/TPOCA WORKS TO TREES Permitted

07/00611/FUL ERECTION OF A SUMMER HOUSE AND CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE
Permitted

91/00296/4 ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSIONS TO DWELLING Permitted

Consultations:-

Leicestershire County Council's Ecology Department have passed their standard comments with regards to bats and nesting birds.

The Local Planning Authorities Conservation Officer has no observations.

No response has been received from Desford Parish Council

No objections have been received for this application

Development Plan Policies:-

No polices

Appraisal:-

The main considerations with regards to the is application is whether or not the trees to which the application relates, are worthy of a Tree Preservation Order.

The Copper Beech and Lavender trees are located within a group of trees (various other species) directly behind a wall fronting Main Street, Desford.

The proposed works are acceptable for trees which are within such a close proximity of residential property and the highway in order to contain their scale.

With the other surrounding trees competing for light and nutrients, and given the location of these particular two specimens, these trees would not be considered worthy of a Tree Preservation Order

The Local Planning Authority raises no objection to this application.

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.

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