DELEGATED REPORT

Recommendation Made:

Reference:- 09/00117/TPO **Parish:-**

Applicant:- Mrs Wormleighton
Holly Cottage
68A Hollycroft
Hinckley
Leicestershire

Location:- Allotment Gardens Clivesway Hinckley Leicestershire

Proposal:- REMOVAL OF 1NO. COMMON HORSE CHESTNUT TREE

Introduction:-

This application seeks approval to remove 1 common horse Chestnut and to reduce the limb of a Red horse Chestnut by 25%. The Red Horse Chestnut located at the front of 68A Hollycroft, has a County Tree Preservation Order and will be dealt with under a further application to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority by Roy Habour and Sons.

Consultations:-

Verbal representation received by the Local Planning Authorities tree consultant (Julian Simpson) who was involved at the pre application stage, which agrees with the recommendation made by Roy Harbour and Son. (Agent). Following a site visit, Julian concurred that the Common Horse Chestnut was in severe decay (up to 80% at the trunk) and raised safety concerns of the leaning branch of the Red Horse Chestnut, and recommends a reduction of between 20 and 25% to eliminate any danger element to the footpath and road.

Development Plan Policies:-

No polices

Appraisal:-

The Local Planning Authorities tree consultant assessed the tree before the application was submitted and has reiterated his findings verbally, in the consultation process. I have spoken to Neil Habour of Habour and Sons, who has confirmed that the Common Horse Chestnut was removed some weeks ago, due to confusion over whether consent was given to the applicant verbally on Julian's initial pre app inspection.During a conversation between myself and Neil Harbour I mentioned the possibility of replanting , at which time he expressed concern as to whether a replacement would survive due to competition from surrounding trees. For this reason, the Local Planning Authority will not be requesting that a replacement tree is planted.

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 6th 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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