

Delegated Report

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Case Officer **Tamsin Dennis**

14/01307/TCA/


Date received **11 July 2014** Date valid **14 July 2014** Overall Expiry **25 August 2014** Ward **Fineshade** Parish **Duddington With Fineshade**

Applicant **Burghley House Preservation Trust - Mr P Glassey**

Location **Land Rear Of The Tithe Barn Church Lane Duddington Northamptonshire**

Proposal **T1 Cherry Fell**

1.	Summary of Recommendation		
1.1	That the notification is accepted in respect of the proposed works.		
2.	Location details		
2.1	Conservation Area:	Duddington	
	Right of way and public access:	None	
	Views from surrounding viewpoints:	Upper canopy of T1 is visible from the Church yard to the north.	
	Additional location details:	T1 is set close to the stone boundary wall lining the north eastern side of the garden. To the immediate east is a stone extension, with the eastern side of the tree's canopy overhangs. The location of the tree is shown within the applicant's details.	
3.	Relevant Case History		
3.1	None applicable		
4.	Consultations and Representations		
4.1	Duddington Parish Council – No comments received		
5.	Health, form and condition. (noted from visual inspection only)		
5.1	Tree Ref: T1	Species: Cherry	Age class: M
	Basal condition:	Good, set within 0.5m of the northern stone boundary wall. flared buttress rooting noted.	
	Trunk condition:	Good in the most part. Very tight union between the two leading branches ta 2.3m from ground level. Signs of included bark.	
	Bowl & central canopy condition:	Signs of crown raising, resulting in notably high canopy area.	
	Outer canopy condition:	Good throughout, minor deadwood in the central canopy.	
6.	Habitat		
6.1	No habitats noted		
7.	Evaluation		
7.1	The applicant has proposed the works due to the excessive shading being caused by the tree to the garden area, and its close proximity to the house.		

7.2	While the shading issue could be partly addressed through crown reduction works, the tree's close proximity to the wall and the house, and the presence of a large union with included bark, does cause concern. The union represents a potentially weak point which does need to be addressed because of the close proximity to the surrounding structures.		
7.3	The works to remove the tree will prevent possible future damage to the nearby structures (which is likely) and remove all risk of branch failure. Given the relatively screened nature of the tree, the works are unlikely to be to the detriment of the surrounding conservation area or the setting of the property.		
8.	Recommendation		
8.1	The notification is accepted in respect of the proposed works.		
9.	Conditions		
1.	The works hereby agreed to shall consist of the following: T1 Chery Fell. At The Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Duddington		
10.	Informatives		
1.	The applicant is advised that the potential for habitat disturbance (especially protected species of birds and bats) should be investigated before the works are carried out. If bats are encountered during the works, stop immediately and contact either Natural England and / or your local Bat group		
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