

Delegated Report

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Case Officer **Tamsin Dennis**

14/01419/TCA/


Date received **29 July 2014** Date valid **29 July 2014** Overall Expiry **9 September 2014** Ward **Lyveden** Parish **Brigstock**

Applicant **Mr M Binley**

Location **11A Park Walk Brigstock Kettering Northamptonshire NN14 3HH**

Proposal **T1 (Lime) Pollard. T2 (Poplar) Reduce crown by 50% and reshape. T3 to T4 (Cherry and Sycamore) 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:	Brigstock	
	Right of way and public access:	None, the trees form part of a private garden and parking area.	
	Views from surrounding viewpoints:	Views from neighbouring private residences from the east and west. No views from the surrounding conservation area.	
	Additional location details:	Tree location is accurately shown on the Council's plotted details.	
3.	Relevant Case History		
3.1	EN/12/01574/TCA - Four trees (Cherry, Beech, Sycamore and Poplar) Reduce by 20% and thin where appropriate.		
4.	Consultations and Representations		
4.1	Brigstock – No objection		
5.	Health, form and condition. (noted from visual inspection only)		
5.1	Tree Ref: T1	Species: Lime	Age class: SM
	Basal condition:	Good, flared buttress rooting noted.	
	Trunk condition:	Good, signs of minor bark scuffing from nearby fence	
	Bowl & central canopy condition:	Good throughout, dense growth at the centre of the tree.	
	Outer canopy condition:	Good, compact canopy with consistent foliage cover throughout.	
5.2	Tree Ref: T2	Species: Poplar	Age class: Y
	Basal condition:	Good.	
	Trunk condition:	Good.	
	Bowl & central canopy condition:	Small compact canopy area with dense foliage cover throughout. Signs of excessive re growth since previously permitted crown reduction works were undertaken in 2012.	
	Outer canopy condition:		
5.3	Tree Ref: T3	Species: Cherry	Age class: M
	Basal condition:	Reasonable. Western base forms part of raised bed with a lean to the east noted from ground level.	

	Trunk condition:	Tri stemmed from 4.5m from ground level, with significant lean to the east over the parking area.	
	Bowl & central canopy condition:	Limited lateral branching in lower canopy with 80% of foliage developing in the upper crown.	
	Outer canopy condition:	Good level of foliage cover throughout.	
5.4	Tree Ref: T4	Species: Sycamore	Age class: SM
	Basal condition:	Not possible to inspect due to location within base of dense hedge.	
	Trunk condition:	Reasonable throughout, with some small cavities on the wets side from old pruning points.	
	Bowl & central canopy condition:	Signs of past pruning over the parking and driveway area, resulting in significant weighting on the eastern side of the tree. Dense foliage cover throughout.	
	Outer canopy condition:	Good level of foliage cover throughout.	
6.	Habitat		
6.1	No habitats noted		
7.	Evaluation		
7.1	The original works proposed by the applicant are to pollard all four trees. Having discussed the condition and location of all four trees with them, they now wish to fell T3 and T4, pollard T1 and reduce the crown of T2.		
7.2	These works are considered to be more appropriate, especially given the poor form of T3 and T4. The works to pollard the Lime will result in a poor form over the first year following the completion of the works, however a smaller, more manageable crown area will result. The vigorous nature of Poplar (T2) will again result in very quick regrowth following the works.		
7.3	Given the screened nature of the site, the works are unlikely to have any impact on the character of the conservation area. The trees are completely screened from the highway and public viewpoints to the north and do not impact on the street scene. As such the works are considered to be reasonable.		
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 (Lime) Pollard. T2 (Poplar) Reduce crown by 50% and reshape. T3 – T4 (Cherry and Sycamore) Fell. 11A Park Walk Brigstock.		
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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