

Delegated Report

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Case Officer **Tamsin Dennis**

14/01533/TCA/


Date received **13 August 2014** Date valid **13 August 2014** Overall Expiry **24 September 2014** Ward **Benefield** Parish **Oundle**

Applicant **Mr R Bullimore**

Location **32 Main Street Lower Benefield Peterborough Northamptonshire PE8 5AE**

Proposal **T1 - Young Cedar- Fell due to excessive shading out-growing of location.**

1.	Summary of Recommendation		
1.1	That the notification is accepted in respect of the proposed works.		
2.	Location details		
2.1	Conservation Area:	Lower Benefield	
	Right of way and public access:	Main Street runs to the north west of T1	
	Views from surrounding viewpoints:	Visible from Main Street	
	Additional location details:	Utility cables runs parallel to Main Street, above the canopy of T1.	
3.	Relevant Case History		
3.1	None applicable		
4.	Consultations and Representations		
4.1	Lower Benefield Parish Council – No objection		
5.	Health, form and condition. (noted from visual inspection only)		
5.1	Tree Ref: T1	Species: Blue Cedar	Age class: Y
	Basal condition:	Good, flared buttress rooting noted.	
	Trunk condition:	Reasonable condition noted, signs of removal of lower lateral branches resulting in an unusual form.	
	Bowl & central canopy condition:		
	Outer canopy condition:	Good needle cover throughout, with no notable deadwood, However, poor form noted from various stages of braches removal / reduction.	
6.	Habitat		
6.1	No habitats noted		
7.	Evaluation		
7.1	While T1 does have the potential to develop into a large, specimen tree, its current location (next to a residential property, with a highway and cables running parallel) prevents this from being a possibility. Even though T1 was noted to be a young specimen it has unfortunately already outgrown its location, and without continued pruning it is likely to cause light and overhanging problems.		
7.2	While the tree is visible from the conservation area, and its removal will be notable, it is not considered appropriate to enforce its retention with the knowledge of the fact it will continue to cause issues and further outgrow its location. The applications have		

	proposed to replant with a smaller fruiting tree which is more appropriate to the location. On balance, the proposed works are considered to be appropriate.		
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 Young Cedar. Fell. At 32 Main Street Lower Benefield.		
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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