

# Delegated Report

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Case Officer **Tamsin Dennis**

**14/01391/TCA/**

Date received **24 July 2014** Date valid **24 July 2014** Overall Expiry **4 September 2014** Ward **Fineshade** Parish **Collyweston**

Applicant **Mr Holland**

Agent **Tommy Plummer Tree Services Ltd - Tommy Plummer**

Location **3 Hall Yard Collyweston Stamford Northamptonshire PE9 3PZ**

Proposal **Birch (T1) - Thin crown by 20%**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Summary of Recommendation</b>		
1.1	That the notification is accepted in respect of the proposed works.		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Location details</b>		
2.1	Conservation Area:	Collyweston	
	Right of way and public access:	None, tree forms part of private garden area	
	Views from surrounding viewpoints:	Private views only as screened by additional trees and the nearby properties.	
	Additional location details:	Tree location is accurately shown in the submitted plan.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Relevant Case History</b>		
3.1	None applicable		
<b>4.</b>	<b>Consultations and Representations</b>		
4.1	Collyweston Parish Council – No comments received		
<b>5.</b>	<b>Health, form and condition.</b> (noted from visual inspection only)		
5.1	Tree Ref: T1	Species: Birch	Age class: M
	Basal condition:	Good	
	Trunk condition:	Good, signs of minor cavities emanating from past pruning wounds.	
	Bowl & central canopy condition:	Good throughout, notably dense growth, possibly caused by past pruning	
	Outer canopy condition:	Good foliage cover throughout.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Habitat</b>		
6.1	No habitats noted		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>		
7.1	The works proposed by the applicant are unusual in so far the Birch do not tend to respond well to crown works. However the tree is in a screened location and cannot be seen from public viewpoints, as such its contribution to the surrounding conservation area is minimal. Because of this, it is not considered appropriate to enforce alternative works through the designation of a TPO, where visual amenity is limited.		

7.2	The applicant will be advised by way of an informative that alternative works should be considered where possible.		
<b>8.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>		
8.1	The notification is accepted in respect of the proposed works.		
<b>9.</b>	<b>Conditions</b>		
1.	The works hereby agreed to shall consist of the following: T1 Birch. Crown thin by 20%. At 3 Hall Yard Collyweston.		
<b>10.</b>	<b>Informatives</b>		
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		
2.	Consideration should be given to alternative works, as thinning of Birch is often not successful and leads to excessive regrowth. The Council are happy to discuss this point further should the applicant wish.		
Case Officer:	Tamsin Dennis	Delegated Officer:	<i>Karen Button</i>
Date:	4.9.2014	Date:	4.09.14