

East Northamptonshire Council

s.211 Notification. Tree works in a Conservation Area Delegated Report

Notification details:

Notification	14/01777/TCA
Address	St John the Baptist, Seaton Road, Harringworth, Northamptonshire, NN17 3AF
Proposal	Works to trees within both graveyards associated with the church
Location details	T3 forms part of the original graveyard to the south west of the Church, the remaining trees line the boundaries of the new graveyard to the east.

Consultations None **Response:** N/A

Tree condition Assessment:

Ref	Species	Age	Basal condition	Trunk condition	Central canopy	Wider canopy	Habitat
T10	Hawthorn	Mature	Good	Good	Good, but partly dominated by Elder	Reasonable	Old nest in W canopy
T11	Cotoneaster	Mature	Good	Good	Slight unbalance due to eastern lateral branch	Good	None
T3	Lime	Mature	Significant decay of the buttress roots.	Good	High levels of major deadwood	Stag headed form with decreased leaf size	Old nest in southern canopy
T4	Sorbus	#Semi Mature	Good	Multi stemmed from 1.2m	Reasonable	Reasonable	None
T5	Thorn	#Semi Mature	Good	Good	Good	Good	None
T6	Cherry	Mature	Good	Good	Good	Low spreading canopy with limited ground clearance	None

T7	Sorbus	Semi Mature	Good		Multi stemmed from ground level	Good	Good	None
T8	Crab	Mature	Good		Good	Good	Some signs of minor crown dieback	None
T9	Crab	Mature	Good		Good	Good	Good	None

Evaluation:

The key issues for consideration in the determination of this notification are:

1. Impact on the visual amenity, character and amenity of the Conservation area.

The works proposed to be undertaken within the grounds of the Church form part of the ongoing maintenance of the graveyards.

T3, was noted to be in a poor condition and with high levels of basal decay, as such removal is considered to be necessary. The further removal of trees T4 – T7 is required to allow for burial plots to be utilised, which are unfortunately set directly beneath these trees. The remainder of the works allow activities such as mowing to be freely undertaken.

While the loss of trees in a public area is generally to be avoided in Conservation Areas, these works are considered to be necessary and appropriate to allow the use of the graveyard. Impact on the surrounding conservation area is likely to be minimal

Recommendation Accept s.211 Notification and inform applicant

Conditions: 1. Details of works

Informatives: 1. Habitat awareness

Case officer:
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Delegated officer:
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Key:

N- North. S - South. E - East. W - West. GL - Ground Level. DW - Deadwood.