East Northamptonshire Council

Application for works to protected trees.
Delegated Report

Application details
Application: 14/01985/TPO
Address: Spinneyfields Care Centre, HE Bates Way, Rushden, Northamptonshire
Proposal: Pruning of T1 and T2

Location details: Trees T1 and T2 are set to the immediate south of the main building to the west of the entrance. Both forms part of a wide grass verge area.

Consultations: Rushden TC Response: No objection

Application History: TPO 0187

Tree condition assessment:

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<th>Species</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Base condition</th>
<th>Trunk condition</th>
<th>Central canopy</th>
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<td>T1</td>
<td>Horse</td>
<td>Mature</td>
<td>Reasonable</td>
<td>Reasonable, large vertical wound on SE side</td>
<td>Signs of minor cavities from past crown work</td>
<td>Minor deadwood throughout with extended lateral to south over driveway</td>
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<td>T2</td>
<td>Horse</td>
<td>Mature</td>
<td>Good</td>
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<td>Low branches with signs of repeat crown raising works</td>
<td>Signs of past reduction to give clearance from the building to the north</td>
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Evaluation:

While the applicants have not been specific in the level of works to be undertaken to the two Chestnut trees, works to both trees are considered to be necessary.

The northern crown of T2 is growing in close proximity to the front of the Spinneyfields main building and shading to the rooms at the front is significant. The general condition of T1 does need to be addressed, particularly the extended branch growing over the main driveway entrance.

To address the shading to the front of the building, a reduction of the lateral branches back to previous pruning points (and reshaping as required) along with the raising of the crown by 1.5m will address the shading issues.

The reduction of the lateral branch growing to the south of T1 (and shaping as required) will remove the risk of branch failure. Deadwood should also be removed.

To ensure the works are not to the detriment of the trees, it is proposed to attach a condition outlining that all works are to be undertaken in accordance with industry best practice will be attached. A further informative will be added to advise that the condition of T1 should be monitored.

Recommendation:

Recommendation: Application permitted

Conditions:
1. Time limit
2. BS3998
3. Works description

Informatives:
1. Habitat awareness
2. Monitoring of T1

Case Officer: Tamsin Dennis
9.12.14

Delegated Officer: KBritton
10.12.14