

East Northamptonshire Council

Application for works to protected trees.

Delegated Report

Application details

Application:	14/02038/TPO		
Address:	Main Street, Barnwell Northamptonshire		
Tree Ref:	T77	Species:	Willow
Proposed works	Reduce upper crown by 3-4m and reshape / rebalance as required		
Consultations:	Barnwell PC	Response:	No objection

Application history:

Tree condition assessment

Tree Ref:	T77	Species:	Willow	Age:	Mature
Tree setting:	Set on the eastern brook bank of the village stream to the immediate south of the southern footbridge				
Basal condition:	Good				
Trunk condition:	Good				
Central canopy:	Poor with significant crown loss from branch failure				
Wider canopy:	Weighted to the west				
Habitat:	None noted				

Evaluation

The works proposed to tree T77 is aimed at addressing the remaining condition of the upper canopy following recent branch loss.

The works, while heavy in their nature, will reduce the crown back to suitable growth points creating a more balanced and stable overall structure. While this level of works will be highly noticeable in the short term, the vigorous nature of the tree will likely result in rapid regrowth and the works being less noticeable overtime. Unfortunately this cannot be avoided due to the necessary nature of the works to ensure a safe and stable tree is retained.

Given the condition and location of the tree, the works are considered to be appropriate. Standard conditions concerning, time limits and standards of tree work are proposed.

Recommendation and Conditions / informative

Recommendation: Application permitted

Conditions:

1. Time Limit
2. Works approved
3. BS3998

Informatives:

1. Habitat awareness

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