

# Delegated Report

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Case Officer **Tamsin Dennis**

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Date received	Date valid	Overall Expiry	Ward	Parish
<b>26 March 2014</b>	<b>16 June 2014</b>	<b>11 August 2014</b>	<b>Irthlingborough Waterloo</b>	

**Irthlingborough**

Applicant **Mrs Elaine Liburd**

**Location** 2 Scotsmere Irthlingborough Wellingborough Northamptonshire NN9 5YE

Proposal **2 Beech Trees - Fell 1 Beech Tree - Crown, reduce by 1/3 and shape**

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## 1. Summary of Recommendation

- 1.1 That consent is GRANTED for the works as set out in section 8 of this report
- 1.1 That consent is REFUSED for the works for the reasons set out in condition 8 of this report.

## 2. Location details

- 2.1 Tree Preservation Order Ref: TPO 107 A5
- Conservation Area: None
- Right of way and public access: None
- Views from surrounding viewpoints: Partial view of trees from Scotsmere estate road and the A6 to the north
- Additional location details: Trees form part of a former Beech hedge which dissects the applicant's rear garden and continue to the line the rear boundaries of the properties to the east.

## 3. Relevant Case History

- 3.1 None applicable

## 4. Consultations and Representations

- 4.1 Irthlingborough Town Council – No objection

## 5. Health, form and condition. (noted from visual inspection only)

- 5.1 Tree Ref: T1 Species: Beech Age class: SM
- Basal condition: Not possible to inspect as forming part of raised seating area
- Trunk condition: Good throughout.
- Bowl & central canopy condition: Leading branch appears to have been removed, with a minor lean from ground level towards the property.
- Outer canopy condition: Signs of significant past crown reduction with 2.5m clearance of the house.
  
- 5.2 Tree Ref: T2 and T3 Species: Beech Age class: SM
- Basal condition: Both trees part of raised planting bed, with the beginnings of flared buttress rooting.
- Trunk condition: Clear trunk in a reasonable condition.
- Bowl & central canopy condition: Signs of significant past crown reduction, akin to pollarding works undertaken to both trees.
- Outer canopy condition: No lateral branches noted until the main canopy area, which are both extremely suppressed as they appear to have developed from a former hedge structure which has not been thinned.

## **6. Habitat**

6.1 No habitats noted

## **7. Evaluation**

7.1 The works have been proposed for the following reason(s):

T1 – T2 Remove to allow better use of the garden.

T3 – to prevent interference with the house.

7.2 The proposal to remove T1 and T2 is considered to be appropriate. They offer little amenity to the surrounding area, or the wider settlement setting. Furthermore they are currently starting to suppress the crown of T3. The works proposed to T3 will enable its current form to be retained.

7.3 To ensure the pruning works are not to the detriment of the trees, it is proposed to attach a condition granting that works should be carried out in accordance with the current British Standard for tree works and industry best practice.

## **8. Recommendation**

8.1 That consent is granted for proposed works subject to the following conditions:

## **9. Conditions**

1 The tree work hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 2 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Statutory requirement under provision of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Reason: Statutory requirement under provision of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

2. The tree work hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with best practice as set out in the current British Standard (BS3998: 2010, Recommendations for Tree Work) and the latest recommendations of the Arboricultural Advisory and Information Service.

Reason: In the interest of the future well-being of the tree(s) on which work is being carried out.

3. The works hereby permitted are to consist of the following: T1 – T2 Beech. Fell. T3 (Beech) Reduce canopy by 1m and reshape as required. At 2 Scotsmere, Irthlingbrough, and as detailed in the submitted application.

Reason: To define the permission and in the interests of good arboricultural practice.

## **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

2. The works permitted to T3, are not considered necessary for this year, however may be suited during the next dormant season starting October 2015.

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