



## **Planning History**

00/01656/TPA Removal of 2 snags of Sycamore (T36) and reduce weight away from the roof. Crown thin overhang over neighbours property.

09/03536/TPA T2 remove 1 branch and reduce by 1-2% and T3 remove 6 branches and reduce by 5-7%, situated in The Coach House.

17/01404/TPA Various tree works

20/00937/TPA T36 Sycamore - remove approximately 3 metres from lowest stem growing to south east.

20/02404/TPA T36 Sycamore - Reduce all around crown by up to 2 metres.

## **Constraints:-**

Defence Estates Safeguarding M

Smoke Control Area

Tree Preservation order

Unitary Development Plan - Pol

## **Policies**

NE3 Woodlands hedgerows and trees

## **Consultees:**

Cllr Jack Cunningham

Cllr Kevin Johnston

Cllr Melanie Thornton

Final Date for Receipt of Representations: **11.01.2021**

## **Reason for decision**

The application relates to the crown reduction of up to 2m of a mature Sycamore within the grounds of the Coach House, Hetton Road. Concern has been expressed by a neighbour that the tree has become overly large for its location close to the houses.

The tree, together with a number within the applicant's garden and neighbouring gardens, contributes greatly to the visual amenities of the area. The proposed works are relatively limited and will improve the amenities of the occupiers of the neighbouring property whilst reducing the likelihood of future demand for the removal of the tree. It is considered that the works constitute good arboricultural practice and are necessary to secure the future protection of the tree and for public amenity reasons.

Given the above, the proposal is considered to be acceptable and complies with policy NE3 of the Core Strategy and Development Plan 2015-2033.

NOTE: This decision has not been informed by the advice of a qualified arboriculturist.

## **Equality Act 2010 - 149 Public Sector Equality Duty**

During the detailed consideration of this application/proposal an equality impact assessment has been undertaken which demonstrates that due regard has been given to the duties placed on the LPA's as required by the aforementioned Act.

As part of the assessment of the application/proposal due regard has been given to the following relevant protected characteristics:-

- o age;
- o disability;
- o gender reassignment;
- o pregnancy and maternity;
- o race;
- o religion or belief;
- o sex;
- o sexual orientation.

The LPA is committed to (a) eliminating discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

In addition, the LPA, in the assessment of this application/proposal has given due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. This approach involves (a) removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic; (b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it; (c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

The LPA has taken reasonable and proportionate steps to meet the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, as part of this planning application/proposal.

Due regard has been given to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves. Particular consideration has been given to the need to:

- (a) tackle prejudice, and
- (b) promote understanding.

Finally, the LPA recognise that compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others; but that is not to be taken as permitting conduct that would otherwise be prohibited by or under this Act.

## **Nature of Decision Made Approved**

### **Conditions**

1 No tree shown to be retained on the approved plans shall be cut down, uprooted or destroyed, nor shall any retained tree be topped or lopped other than in accordance with the approved plans and particulars, without the written approval of the Local Planning Authority. Any topping or lopping approved shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998 "Tree Work", in the interests of visual amenity and to comply with policy NE3 of the CSDP.

2 This permission shall be for a limited period of 2 years from the date hereof and the works shall not be undertaken after the expiry of the period specified to ensure the protection of the

amenity value of the tree and to comply with policy NE3 of the CSDP.

### **Informatives**

NOTE :- The public notice attached herewith announcing the commencement of the works hereby approved shall be fixed on site in a prominent position at least 7 days prior to the works being undertaken.

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