FAO: Wellingborough Tree Officer

This summary is sent to support the application made through the Planning Portal, to fell the tree at 1 Little Lane, Wollaston, NN29 7GD.

This large Ash tree continues to decline. Visual assessment by an experienced tree surgeon suggests that the tree is unhealthy owing to the significant dieback on the roadside of the crown and necrotic bark on the same side of the trunk. The tree has an extensive number of small bore holes present in the trunk, presumably caused by beetles. Crown reduction/pollarding is highly likely to accelerate the tree’s decline and exacerbate it’s unsightliness. Sonic tomography shows no indication of concern within the trunk at present. The tree is unlikely to regain its full splendour despite any amount of surgery and in balancing both environmental and economic factors, the proposal is to fell this tree and replace with an agreed species that will be able to flourish and add to the visual amenity of the area.