
From: stuart barlow
Sent: 21 November 2017 18:53
To: Trees Planning
Subject: Re: Tree Work Application 2017/93511

Hi Joe

I have managed to speak to my neighbour, pruning the tree in the way you have suggested we believe could potentially reduce the likelihood of the tree being blown over in the summer storms when it is fully laden with leaves.

Please advice on the next steps.

Yours

Stuart Barlow

To: 'barlow_stuart@hotmail.com'

Subject: Tree Work Application 2017/93511

Hello Mr Barlow

I attended site yesterday (16/11/17) to assess your tree work application (Ref: 2017/93511). Your application does not give any clear specification of the works you are requesting. However given the ethos of the information in your neighbour's statement it is clear that felling the tree is the proposed works and your application has been considered on that basis.

Unfortunately, on assessment of your application I could see no clear reasons that would justify the loss of this tree and during my site inspection I could see no obvious signs of major defect with the tree, or any damage relating to an historic lightning strike.

This tree is a prominent landscape feature which contributes to the local conservation area, especially when viewed from the adjacent car park and visitors centre.

On this basis I cannot support its removal.

Given the tree is currently covered by the conservation area protection only. Under the tree protection legislation, where the council can not support requests to work on specific trees within in conservation areas, we must serve a new Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Interested parties would then have 28 days to object to the Order.

However I do appreciate that many people do not realise that there is a possibility of a new TPO being served as a result of their application and on that basis I am mindful that simply following the set procedure and serving a new order may not always be a reasonable course of action.

Given this, I am happy to accept amendments to applications where this applies, as an example amending an application from felling to pruning or alternatively the application to fell could be withdrawn, both of which would negate the need for a new TPO to be served

In your case I believe that pruning the tree to lift its crown to give 5-6m ground clearance and thinning its crown by 20%, could be supported. Although I understand that this may not alleviate any issues that you may be experiencing.

If you would like to amend, or withdraw, your application then please could you confirm by return email before the end of Tuesday the 21st November. If you do not wish to amend your application you need do nothing and on Wednesday 22nd November I will draft a new TPO for serving before the target date for a decision expires.

My apologise for the short notice, unfortunately due to the current volume of work this is the soonest that I have been able to turn your application around.

If you would like to discuss this matter further I do not have an external direct line, the best way of contacting me is via return email. If you let me have some times when you are free I will then call you.
Regards

Joe

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