

## **Kitchen Garden, Bridge End Gardens**

### **Development Control, item 6**

**Committee: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**

**Agenda Item**

**Date: 7 June 2006**

**6**

**Title: Notification of intent to fell trees at the  
Kitchen Garden Bridge End Gardens  
Saffron Walden**

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Item for  
decision

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#### **Introduction**

1. This report seeks Members' consideration of the proposed felling of trees at the Kitchen Garden, Bridge End Gardens, Saffron Walden. The trees are situated within the Saffron Walden conservation area.

#### **Background**

2. As a part of the proposed full restoration of the Kitchen Garden for which the Council is seeking Stage II Heritage Lottery funding the Council's consultants' have proposed that a number of existing trees on the site be felled. The trees proposed to be removed are 1 no. Holly, 13 no. Apple and Pear and 24 no. Crab.

#### **Assessment**

3. The trees have been inspected by the Council's Landscape Officer and found not to be either individually, or as a group, of an amenity value worthy of being made the subject of a tree preservation order. The Apple, Pear and Crabs are relatively young specimens having been planted in the mid 1990's. The Holly subject is estimated as being some 35 years in age and likely to have been self-set.

#### **Summary**

4. The proposed tree removal allows for the full implementation of a comprehensive and cohesive restoration reflecting the historical layout and original form of the Kitchen Garden which includes the planting of historically correct fruit tree varieties.

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#### **Recommendations**

5. No objections be raised to the proposed felling as part of the implementation of a full scheme of restoration for the Kitchen Garden.

#### **Background Papers**

See file.

#### **Impact**

Communication/Consultation	<b>None</b>
Community Safety	<b>None</b>
Equalities	<b>None</b>
Finance	<b>None</b>
Human Rights	<b>None</b>
Legal implications	<b>None</b>
Ward-specific impacts	<b>None</b>
Workforce/Workplace	<b>N/A</b>

#### **Situation**

#### **Risk Analysis**

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
<b>None</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>None</b>