

**Committee:** Development Control

**Agenda Item**

**Date:** 23 September 2009

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**Title:** Application to lop 2 no. Field Maple Trees at Smiths Green Takeley subject to UDC Tree Preservation Order 1/83

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Item for decision

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### Summary

- 1 This item seeks Members' consideration of an application to lop 2no. Field Maple trees at Beech Cottage Smiths Green Takeley subject to UDC tree preservation order no.1/83 [Ref: G4].
- 2 The Applicant is Mr. Richard Cheetham.

### Recommendation

That consent is granted for the reduction of lower limbs directly overhanging the footpath of both Field Maples to provide clearance up to a height of 6m above ground level.

### Background Papers

UTT/1106/09/TPO

### Impact

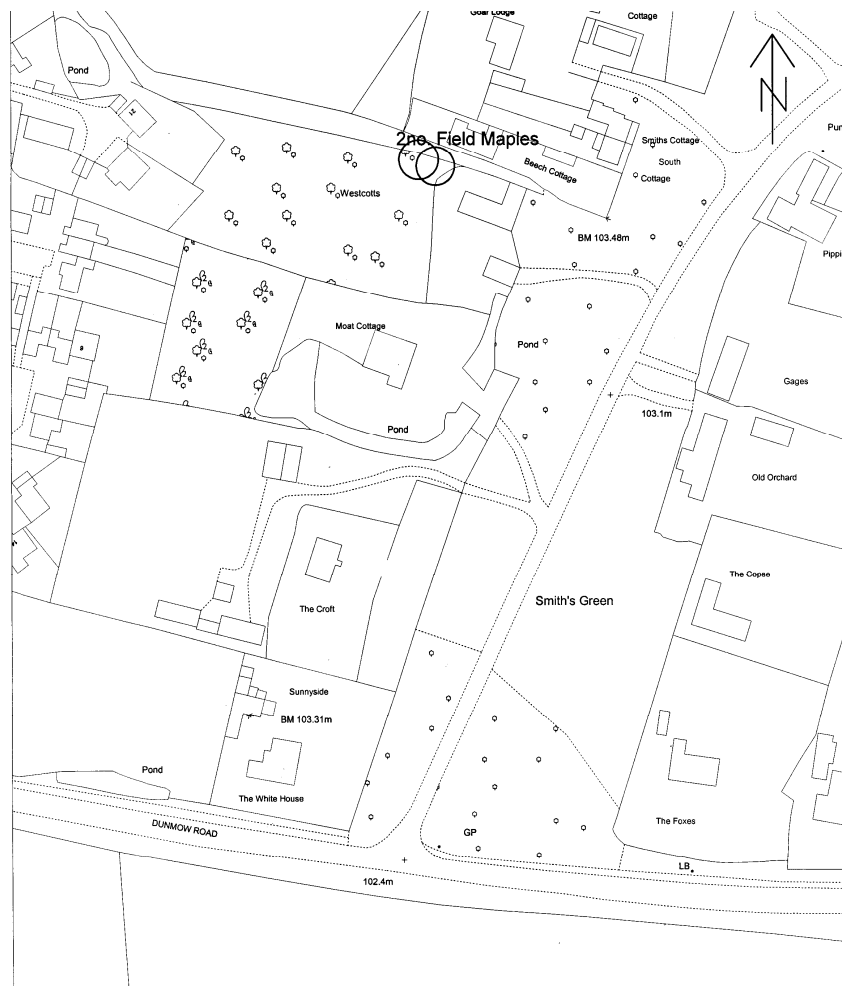
Communication/Consultation	TPO register of applications. Neighbour notification
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Finance	None
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

## Field Maple Trees at Smiths Green Takeley

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#### Situation

- 3 The two Field Maple form part of a group of 8 Field Maple, 1 Hawthorn, and 2 Ash trees. situated to the south of Beech Cottage. The two subject trees are mature specimens of approximately 14metres in height and found to be in good general health [one subject has an old physical impact wound at the base of the main stem but this is currently not affecting its general health]. The two trees are not considered in themselves to be of significant amenity value, however, they contribute to the amenity value of the protected tree group.
- 4 The subject trees are overhanging the footpath which runs between Beech Cottage and the adjacent property, Westcotts. The trees are cutting out direct light to the garden of Beech Cottage.
- 5 The proposed reduction of overhanging limbs is not considered likely to adversely affect the health or amenity value of the trees.





**Risk Analysis**

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.