

Development Committee	Agenda Item 10
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Application to carry out works to trees in the grounds of The Delles, Carmen Street, Great Chesterford subject to tree preservation order UDC 1/75	
Ben Smeeden, Landscape Officer – 01799 510466	Item for decision

Summary

1. This report seeks the committee's consideration of an application to fell 1 Horse Chestnut tree and repollard 3 Lime trees in the grounds of The Delles, Carmen Street, Great Chesterford. The trees are subject to a tree preservation order. The applicant is the spouse of Cllr Mrs Redfern who has a declared ownership interest in the site.

Recommendations

That consent is granted for the felling of the Horse Chestnut tree, subject to a suitable replacement tree being planted, and for the repollarding of the Lime trees.

Background Papers

The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

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Impact

Communication/Consultation	Weekly List
Community Safety	none
Equalities	none
Finance	none
Health and Safety	none
Human Rights/Legal Implications	none

Sustainability	none
Ward-specific impacts	none
Workforce/Workplace	none

Situation

2. The Horse Chestnut tree is a mature specimen of some 12 metres in height situated in the garden of The Delles [Appendix 1. Location plan]. The tree is in generally poor condition with a thinning crown and branch tip die back. The main stem has areas of extensive decay. The life expectancy of the tree is considered to be short with a risk of structural failure [Appendix 2. photograph of horse chestnut tree].
3. The 3 lime trees are mature pollarded specimens situated on the Carmen Street frontage of the site. These limes have been subject to a regular regime of pollarding, the continuation of which would be beneficial for their long term health.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Structural failure of the trees	If the trees are left in their current condition the Horse Chestnut may drop limbs and the Limes fail at the previous Pollarding points [2]	Danger of damage to people and property [3]	Agree to felling and pollarding

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.

Appendix 1: Location plan



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Tree at the Delles Great Chesterford
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Appendix 2: Photograph of horse chestnut tree.


