

Committee: Planning

Agenda Item

Date: 11th December 2013

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Title: UTT/13/2921/TCA: Notification of intent to fell 1no. Cypress tree at 3 Maberly Court, Castle Hill, Saffron Walden.

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Item for decision

Summary

This item seeks the Committee's consideration of the proposed felling of a Cypress tree in the grounds of 3 Maberly Court, Saffron Walden. The tree is within a conservation area. The applicant is the District Council ward member for Saffron Walden (Audley).

Recommendations

No objection is raised to the proposed felling of the Cypress tree.

Financial Implications

None

Background Papers

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Details of the decision to be entered on to the public register of conservation area notifications.
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None

Workforce/Workplace	None
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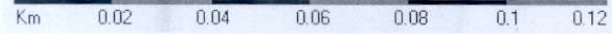
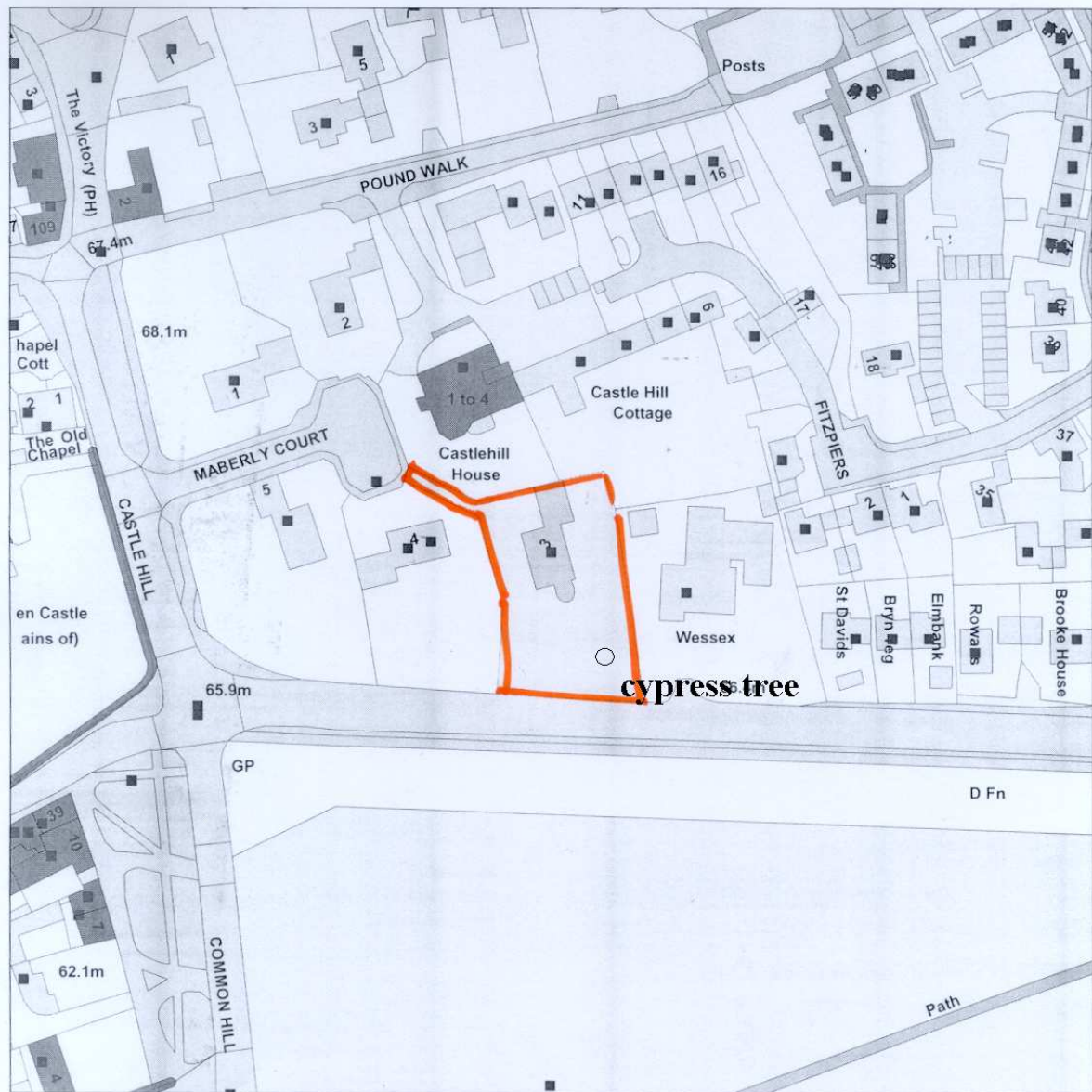
Situation

A notification of intent to fell a Cypress tree (S211 notice) situated in the grounds of 3 Mabley Court has been received (Appendix 1: Location plan). The reasons given for seeking to fell the tree are that it has grown to a height that will cause damage if the tree were to be wind thrown; and the tree's roots may cause damage to a nearby boundary wall.

The tree has been inspected by the Council's Landscape Officer and found to be a mature specimen of some 10m in height (Appendix 2: Photograph of tree). No evidence was found to suggest that the tree is unstable or at particular risk of being wind thrown. No evidence was found of the tree having caused any damage to the boundary wall or that there was a likelihood that such damage would occur.

Whilst the tree is well formed and in good health, it is not readily visible from public vantage points. The tree is not considered to be of an amenity value worthy of being made the subject of a tree preservation order, and its felling would not be detrimental to the quality, character, or fabric of the conservation area.

Appendix 1: Location plan



Appendix 2: Photograph of tree.

