

Committee: Planning

Agenda Item

Date: 12th February 2014

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Title: UTT/13/3270/TPO: Application for consent to crown reduce horse chestnut tree by up to 20% at 12, Saville Close, Clavering.

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Item for decision

Summary

§ This item seeks the Committee's consideration of the proposed 20% crown reduction of a horse chestnut tree situated in the front garden area of 12, Saville Close, Clavering. The tree is subject to tree preservation order No.1/77 (Ref: G1). The property is in UDC ownership.

Recommendations

No objection to the pruning back of branches of the horse chestnut to the previous pruning points.

Financial Implications

1. The cost of the tree works will be met by the housing revenue account.

Background Papers

UTT/13/3270/TPO application file.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Tenant to be advised of decision. Decision published on Weekly List
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

The horse chestnut tree is a mature specimen situated in the front garden area of 12, Saville Close (Appendix 1). The tree has been subject to a previous crown reduction (Appendix 2). The proposed pruning back to the previous pruning points is considered to be appropriate management to maintain the health and integrity of the tree.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
2. If the pruning work is not undertaken there is a risk that weakly attached growth at the old pruning points will break out.	2. The likelihood is med-high if the pruning is not undertaken within 12-24 months.	3. The location of the tree is such that there is a risk of damage or injury.	Carry out pruning of the tree.

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.



Appendix 2: Photograph of horse chestnut tree (G1).

