

Committee: Planning

Agenda Item

Date: 7th May 2014

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Title: UTT/14/0897/TPO:

Application for consent to lop 1no. willow tree at Vicarage Mead, Thaxted, subject to UDC Tree Preservation Order No.1/85

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Item for decision

Summary

- This item seeks the Committee's consideration of the proposed lopping back to previous pruning points of a willow tree at Vicarage Mead, Thaxted. The tree is subject to tree preservation order no.1/85. The property is in UDC ownership.

Recommendations

- Approval granted for the lopping of branches back to previous pruning points.

Financial Implications

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

Background Papers

UTT/14/0897/TPO application file.

Impact

- 2.

Communication/Consultation	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 willow tree is a large mature specimen of some 16m in height situated close to the western boundary of Vicarage Mead [appendix 1: location plan]. Parts of the tree overhanging the rear garden area of the neighbouring property, 52 Newbiggen Street. The tree has been subject to previous crown reduction [appendix 2: photograph of willow tree]. The proposed pruning back to the previous pruning points is considered 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.

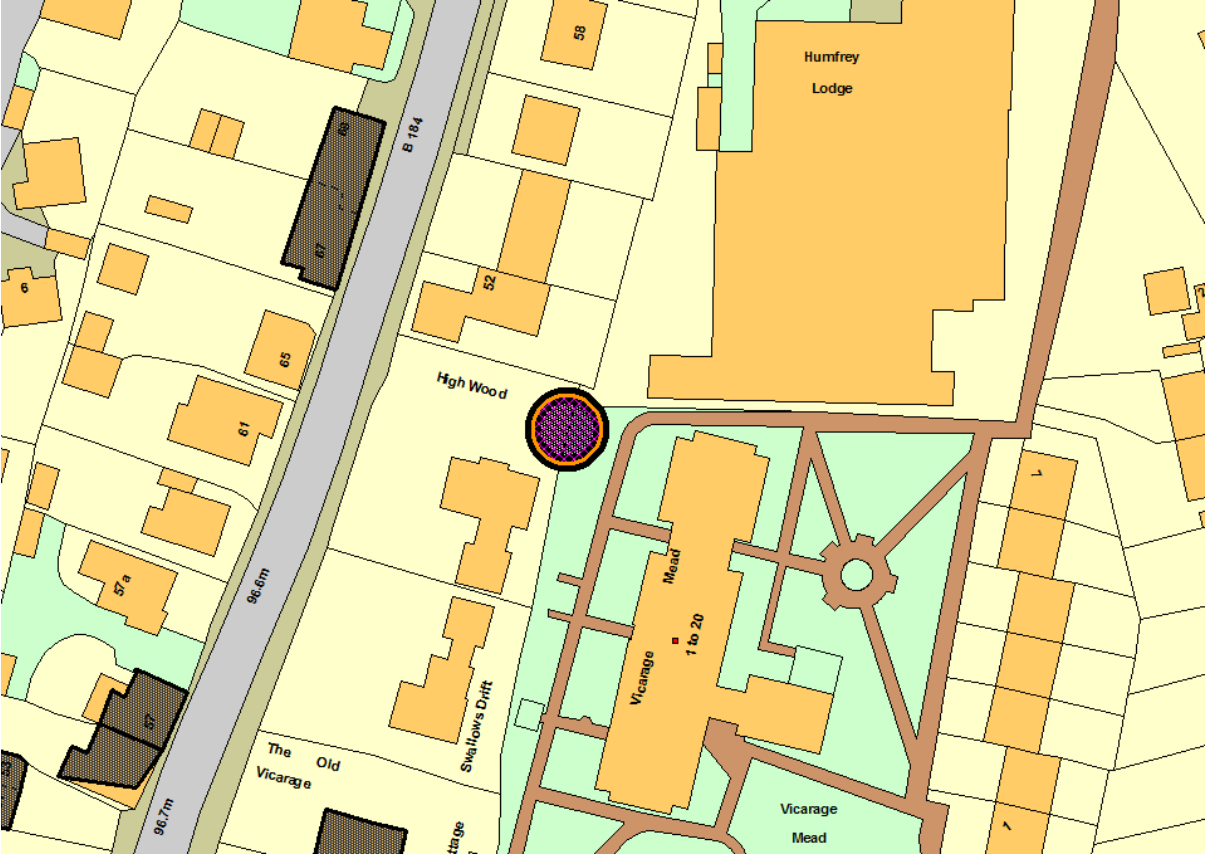
1 = Little or no risk or impact

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 willow tree

