

Committee: Planning

Agenda Item

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Title: UTT/14/1661/TCA

Notification of intent to fell 5 trees in the grounds of Saffron Walden Museum, Museum Street, Saffron Walden

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Item for decision

Summary

1. This item seeks the Committees' consideration of the proposed felling of 5 trees situated in the grounds of Saffron Walden Castle.

Recommendations

2. No objection is raised to the proposed felling of 1 pine, 1 horse chestnut, and 3 hornbeam trees in the grounds of Saffron Walden Castle.

Financial Implications

3. NONE:

Background Papers

4. 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

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Communication/Consultation	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

Situation

6. Notification of intent to fell five trees in the grounds of the Saffron Walden Castle has been made by the UDC Surveyor (Estates). The trees are within the Saffron Walden conservation area (Appendix 1: location plan). The reason for seeking the felling of these trees is to improve views of the castle as part of the restoration and public access improvement works currently being carried out to this registered Ancient Monument.
7. The trees proposed to be felled are 1no. pine, 1no. horse chestnut, and 3no. hornbeam (Appendix 2, 3, & 4). These trees are mature specimens of some amenity value in their own right. However, they are not considered to beneficially contribute to the special qualities of the setting of the castle; and they diminish the prominence of the ruins in views taken from Castle Street, Castle Hill, and from vantage points on The Common. None of the trees proposed to be felled are of historical or other special importance.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
None	N/A	N/A	N/A

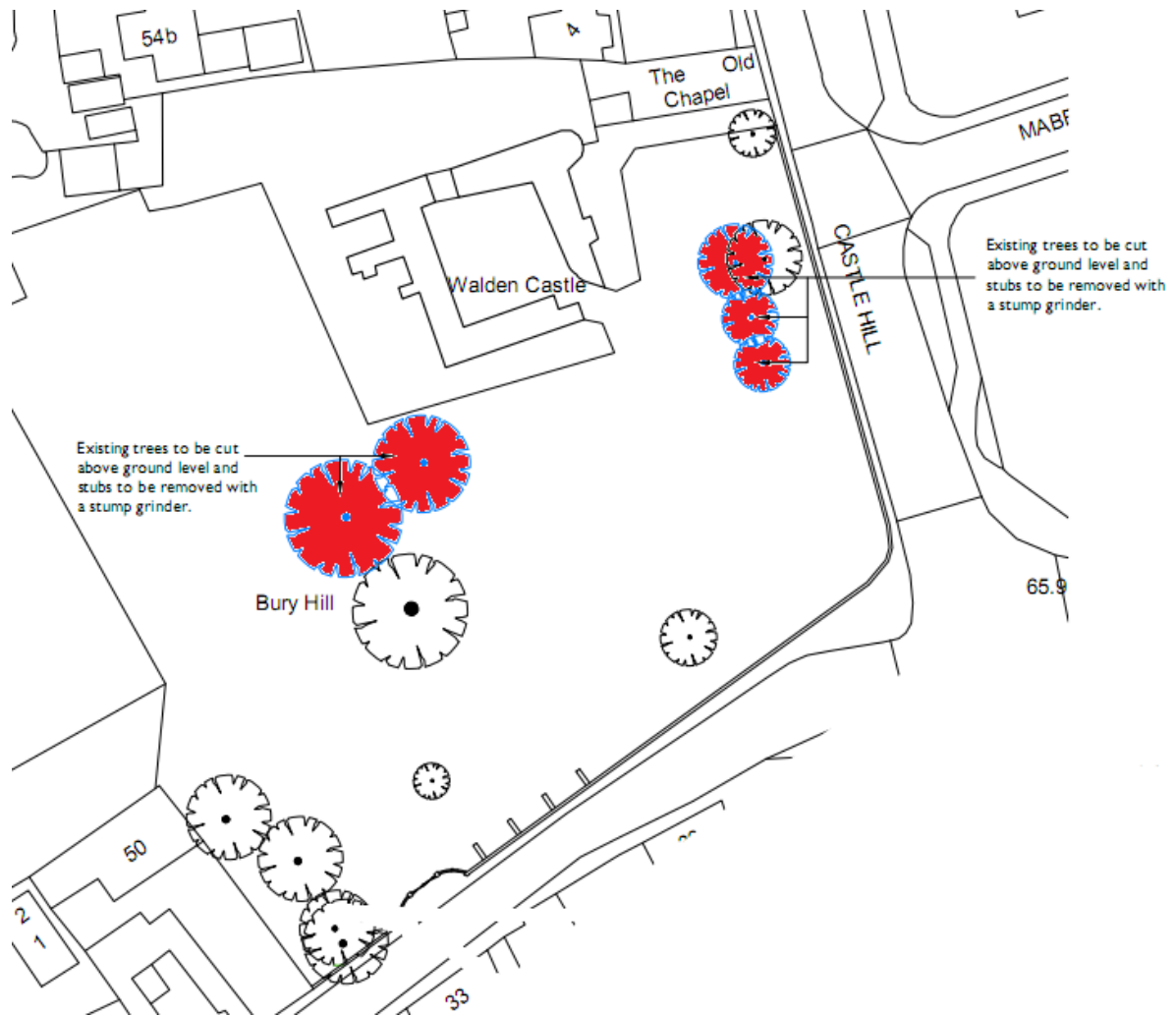
1 = Little or no risk or impact

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: Pine tree



Appendix 3: Horse chestnut tree



Appendix 4: Hornbeams

