

UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF REPRESENTATIONS

15th October 2014

P.128 UTT/14/2569/FUL - Great Chesterford Primary Academy School

P.133 UTT/14/2570/LB - Great Chesterford Primary Academy School

Alterations to access points and site walling, including: partial demolition of wall; replacement of fencing with walling; replacement of access gates, and works to pedestrian access including path, patio and levelling

Additional information has been submitted regarding details of the works to be carried out to the trees.

The Landscape Officer has been consulted and considers the above details acceptable, therefore Condition 2 attached to UTT/14/2569/FUL should now read as follows:-

The tree works shall be carried out in accordance with the following details: _

- 1) Uplift lower branches by approximately 2 meters.
- 2) Yew to be reduced by approximately 33%, shaped and any deadwood removed.
- 3) Bay Lauren to be removed to ground level.

unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To maintain the health and amenity value of the existing trees on the site in accordance with ULP Policy GEN2.

TPO 14/2748 – 53 Landscape View Saffron Walden

Representations received:

Objections against proposals

- The view from our house and garden would be negatively altered. There would be a detrimental effect upon local wildlife. There would be a detrimental effect upon the desirability of our property as the garden scene would be negatively altered.
- The tree is a little on the large side but 4m is quite a lot to reduce it by. It is a marvellous specimen of a walnut tree and would need to be dealt with by a qualified arborologist so as not to accidentally kill it. There are also lots of different species of birds that inhabit the tree including woodpeckers; it would be a shame to lose them.

Support for proposals

- The tree is far too large and blocks afternoon sun into our garden. It does need radically reducing and this work would allow more sunlight into our garden without reducing significantly our view of the trees and woods behind.
- This is one of several trees in Landscape View that have become too large and in need of maintenance. The trees between Hilltop Lane and Cromwell Road have now enveloped the street lights and further up the road you have to duck to be able to walk under them. The tree in to the rear of the property in question is also now completely disproportionate in size, it must be overwhelming the occupants' garden, let alone the light it must be taking from his house. I hope the committee will agree to allow the crown reduction and also allow ongoing tree maintenance in the future, just as others maintain the trees on their properties.
- The walnut tree is very large and overshadows the whole garden. The whole garden would be improved if the tree is removed or significantly reduced. The applicant will plant new trees for the wildlife which will be more suited to the garden.
- With reference to the above I am writing in support of this application as I consider this tree inappropriately located. I am familiar with the garden in which this tree is located and believe this tree to be positioned too close to the two properties in which gardens it grows and spreads across, thus adversely affecting the amenity of both properties, and also adversely effecting other neighbouring properties as the tree casts a significant shadow for some distance effecting the relatively small gardens of surrounding properties. The tree in question has grown too big for the garden in which it is located and should be replaced with a smaller more appropriate tree more suitable for this location, thus ensuring a reduction in the environmental impact from the loss of this tree. In addition as this tree continues to grow its roots may cause

damage to the properties nearby, in which case these properties will then require remedial work to be carried out which is likely to adversely affect the tree by causing damage to its root system and may cause the loss of the tree in any event.

- I am writing in support of the application. While I recognise the beauty and environmental factors surrounding the sustainability of the walnut tree, I am also aware that it is extremely large for the plot it stands on. It prevents sunlight getting into my garden in the summer and quite obviously overshadows my neighbours preventing sunlight getting into his garden. Mr Ketteridge is a keen gardener and I understand that the excessive shade it creates affects his plants from flowering. Given this situation I support his application to cut down the tree and if he wishes, to plant a smaller tree/trees which will continue to sustain the gardens wildlife together with the abundance of shrubs the garden already contains. Otherwise I would certainly support the application UTT/14/2749/TPO to reduce the tree significantly so we can all enjoy more light.

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- The view from our house and garden would be negatively altered. There would be a detrimental effect upon local wildlife. There would be a detrimental effect upon the desirability of our property as the garden scene would be negatively altered.
- I live next door and the tree is right next to my hedge. It is a magnificent specimen abounding with all species of birds and other wildlife. Far too many people in this road have taken down the trees in their gardens thus moving the wildlife from their habitat. This walnut tree is not diseased as are so many of our trees nowadays and let us not forget, it does have a tree preservation order placed upon it! I don't mind having a lot less sunlight in my garden as I work during the week, I would much rather see a healthy tree and its accompanying wildlife.

Support for proposals

- We have a good view of the tree from our garden and rear rooms/bedroom. It is however far too large and reduces our sun in the afternoon. It is a tree that in my opinion is now too big for the garden and if felled could be replaced with a tree species that would be smaller and more controllable.
- The walnut tree is very large and overshadows the whole garden. The garden would be significantly improved if the tree was removed and more appropriate trees planted in the garden. I support this application for the above reasons.

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