

Committee: Planning

Agenda Item

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Title: UTT/14/3094/TPO St Edmunds Lane, Great Dunmow

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Item for decision

Summary

- 1 This item seeks the Committee's consideration of the proposal to reduce 2 overhanging limbs to 1 no. Willow at 71 St Edmunds Lane, Great Dunmow. The tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order 1/82/48. The tree is overhanging land owned by Uttlesford District Council.

Recommendations

- 2 Conditional consent be granted for the works.

Financial Implications

- 3 None

Background Papers

- 4 UTT/14/3094/TPO application file.

Impact

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

Situation

- 5 Following a site inspection the Willow tree was visible from the street. The tree is in reasonable condition although the base of the tree has a large volume of ivy around it. There is some dead wood in the crown of the tree. There is evidence of previous pruning works to branches over the property. Pruning the 2 branches in question further would not unbalance the crown of the tree or detract largely from its amenity value.

Recommendation:

- 6 Consent to reduce 2 overhanging limbs as above should be given subject to the following conditions:
1. All works to be carried out in accordance with BS 3998:2010
 2. All works being completed within 2 years of the date of the formal decision notice

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
2. If the pruning work is not undertaken there is a risk that the over sailing branches which have previously been pruned may fail.	2. The likelihood is medium-high if the pruning is not undertaken.	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.