

Committee: Planning

Agenda Item

Date: 11th March 2015

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Title: UTT/ 15/0156/TPO

Application for consent to fell one horse chestnut tree at 12, Saville Close, Clavering subject to UDC Tree Preservation Order No.1/76.

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Item for decision

Summary

1. This item seeks the Committee's consideration of an application for consent to fell a horse chestnut tree at 12, Saville Close, Clavering. The tree is subject to a tree preservation order and is situated on land in the ownership of the District Council.

Recommendations

2. Approval is granted for the horse chestnut tree to be felled and a suitable replacement tree planted.

Financial Implications

3. The costs associated with the felling and replanting would be met within existing budgetary provisions.

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	Details of decision entered onto the public register of TPO applications.
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None

Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	Clavering
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

6. The horse chestnut tree is situated in the garden area of 12, Saville Close, Clavering (appendix 1). This property is in the ownership of the District Council. The tree is subject to a UDC tree preservation order (TPO 1/76). The application to fell the tree has been made by Housing Property Services. The reason for seeking to fell the tree is that it is causing building damage to 12, Saville Close.
7. The tree has been inspected by the Council's Landscape Officer and found to be a mature specimen of some 18m in height and in fair condition with no obvious defects. This tree has been previously subject to an overall crown reduction (appendix 2). The tree is in close proximity to the northern elevation of 12, Saville Close, and cracking has occurred in the porch structure which is considered likely to have been caused by the presence of the tree. In order to avoid the risk of further damage it is considered appropriate to fell this tree.
8. The felling of the horse chestnut tree would result in a loss of visual amenity and it is therefore considered that if the horse chestnut is removed a suitable replacement tree, such as holly, is planted. Common holly is relatively slow growing with moderate water uptake demands unlikely to cause damage to the dwelling in the future.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
1. There are no risks associated with the recommendation	1. None	1. No impact	None

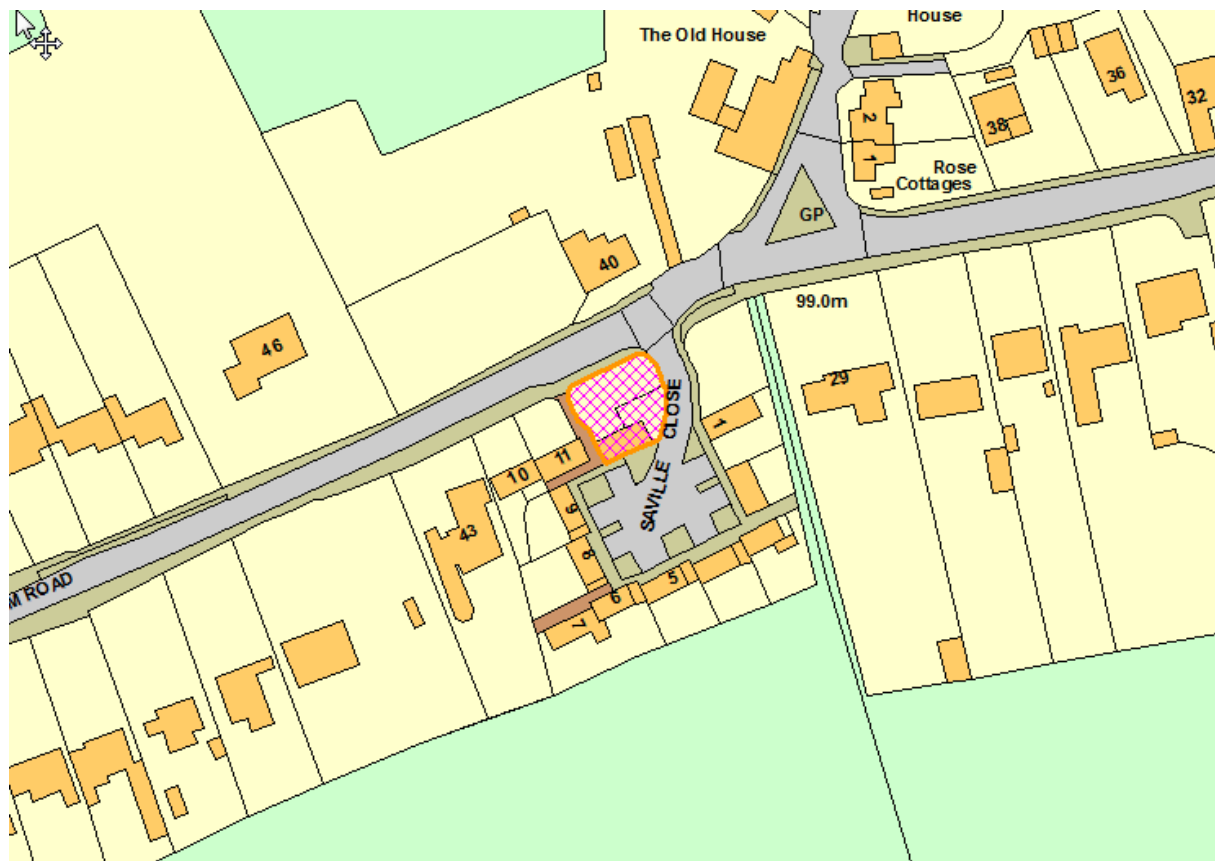
1 = Little or no risk or impact

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



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Appendix 2: Horse Chestnut Tree

