Committee:	Planning	Agenda Item	
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	7	
Title:	UTT/15/0473/TCA	•	
	Notification of intent to lop back to previous pruning points 1no. Sycamore tree within a conservation area at 23, Westfields, Saffron Walden.		
Author:	Ben Smeeden Landscape Officer	Item for decision	

#### Summary

1. This item seeks the Committee's consideration of the proposed re-pollarding of a sycamore tree within a conservation area 23, Westfields, Saffron Walden. The notification has been made by an employee of the District Council.

#### Recommendations

2. No objection is raised to the proposed re-pollarding of the sycamore tree.

#### **Financial Implications**

None

### **Background Papers**

3. 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.

UTT/15/0473/TCA and ECC arboricultural reported dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

#### Impact

### 4.

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

- 5. The sycamore tree is an early mature specimen of some 9m in height situated in the rear garden area of 23, Westfields. This tree has been previously pollarded.
- 6. The proposed pollarding by cutting back to the previous pruning points is considered appropriate management of this tree. The tree is not considered to be of sufficient public amenity value to be made the subject of a tree preservation order.

## **Risk Analysis**

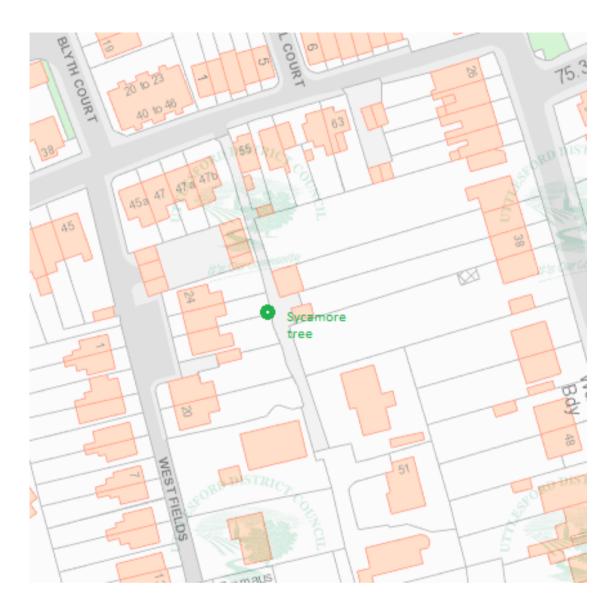
Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
1. There are no risks associated with the recommendation	1. None	1. No impact	None

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 2: Sycamore tree

