

**Committee:** Planning

**Agenda Item**

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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**Title:** UTT/15/2572/TCA

**Notification of intent to pollard 3 lime trees and 1 sycamore, and fell two yew trees within a conservation area at Walden Place, Freshwell Street, Saffron Walden.**

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Item for decision

### Summary

1. This item seeks the Committee's consideration of proposed tree work within a conservation area at Walden Place. The trees are in the ownership of the District Council.

### Recommendations

2. No objection is raised to the proposed tree works.

### 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.

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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

5. The tree work proposed is the felling of 2 yew trees, and the pollarding of 3 lime trees and 1 sycamore tree all in the grounds of Walden Place. The trees are within a conservation area (Appendix 1: Location plan). The trees have been inspected by the Council's Landscape Officer.
6. The yew tree (T1) is a mature specimen of some 7m in height. This tree is in terminal decline with extensive die back in its crown. The poor condition of this tree is such that it has no amenity value (Appendix 2)
7. The yew tree (T2) is a relatively small specimen growing immediately adjacent to a brick and flint built boundary wall. If this tree is retained it is likely to cause damage to the wall. This tree is not considered to be of significant amenity value (Appendix 3)
8. The sycamore tree (T3), and the lime trees (T4, T5 and T6) are mature specimens which have been previously maintained as pollards. It is considered appropriate to continue with the pollarding regime (Appendix 4, 5 and 6).

## 9. Risk Analysis

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

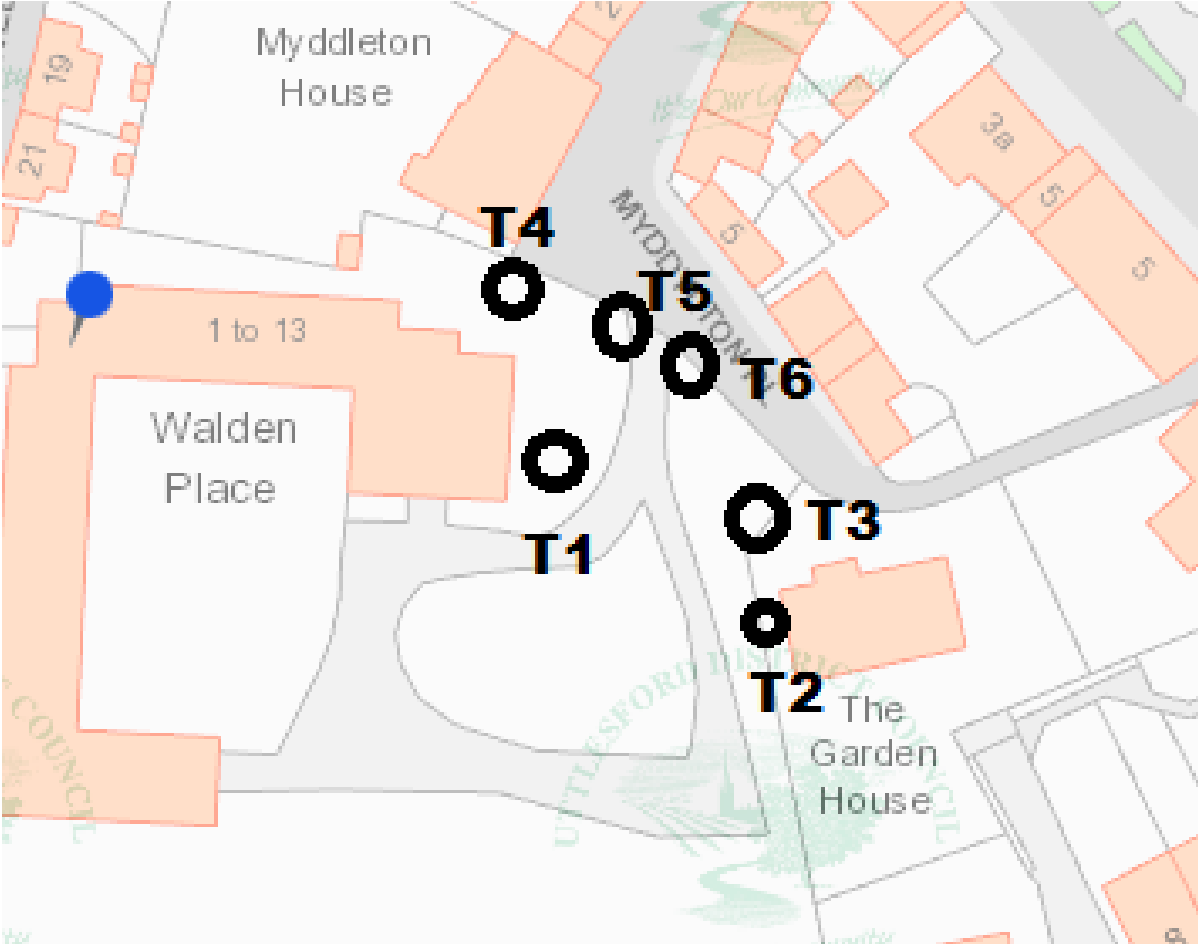
1 = Little or no risk or impact

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 1: Location plan



Appendix 2: Yew tree (T1)



Appendix 3: Yew tree (T2).



Appendix 4:.Sycamore tree (T3)



Appendix 5: Lime tree (T4)



Appendix 6: Lime trees (T5 and T6).

