

Committee: Planning Committee

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Notification of intent to fell 1no. pine and 1no. birch tree in the grounds of 32, Bridge Street, Saffron Walden.

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Summary

1. This item seeks the Committee's consideration of the proposed felling of 1no. pine and 1no. birch tree within a conservation area at 32, Bridge Street, Saffron Walden. The applicant is the District Council Ward Member for Saffron Walden Shire, and is a member of the Planning Committee.

Recommendations

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

Financial Implications

3. None.

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 | Weekly List. |
| Community Safety | None |
| Equalities | None |
| Health and Safety | None |
| Human Rights/Legal Implications | None |
| Sustainability | None |

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| Ward-specific impacts | None |
| Workforce/Workplace | None |

Situation

6. The tree work proposed is the felling of a pine and a birch tree situated in the rear garden area of 32, Bridge Street, Saffron Walden (Appendix 1: Location plan).
7. The trees are mature specimens growing in very close proximity to the neighbouring dwelling, Helmsleys Barn (Appendix 2: Photograph). Parts of the trees' canopies directly overhang the roof of the dwelling. The pine tree is in poor condition with extensive ivy growth extending into its crown; and the birch tree displays a significant lean toward the dwelling. Both trees are considered to pose a risk of causing damage to Helmsleys Barn and should be felled.

8. Risk Analysis

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

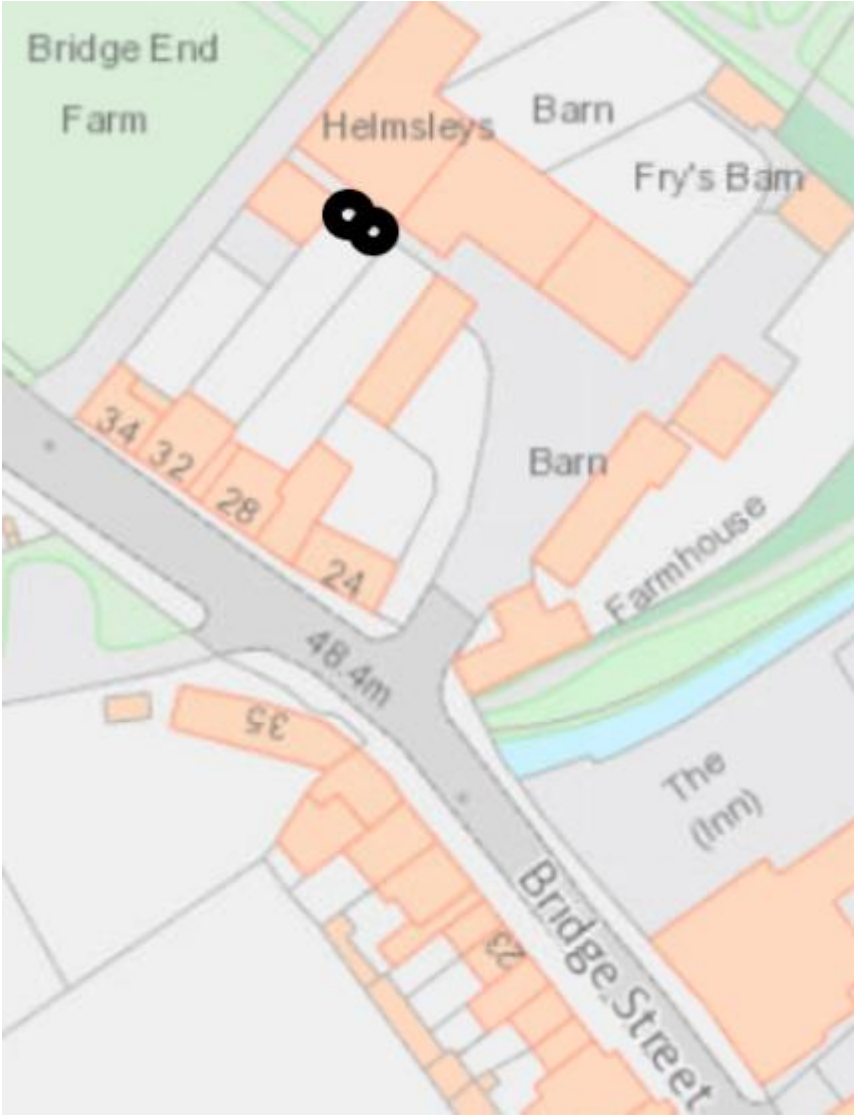
1 = Little or no risk or impact

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: Photograph.



