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PROPOSAL: **Notification of intent to fell 2no. Sycamore, 2no. Lime, and 1no. Horse Chestnut tree in the grounds of Saffron Walden Museum, 20-22 Castle Street, SAFFRON WALDEN**

LOCATION: **Saffron Walden Museum, 20-22 Castle Street, Saffron Walden, CB10 1JL**

APPLICANT: **Mark Felton**

CASE OFFICER: **Ben Smeeden**

Summary

1. This item seeks the Committee's consideration of the proposed felling of 2no. Sycamore, 2no. Lime and 1no. Horse Chestnut tree in the grounds of the Saffron Walden Museum. The trees are within a conservation area.

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

5.

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

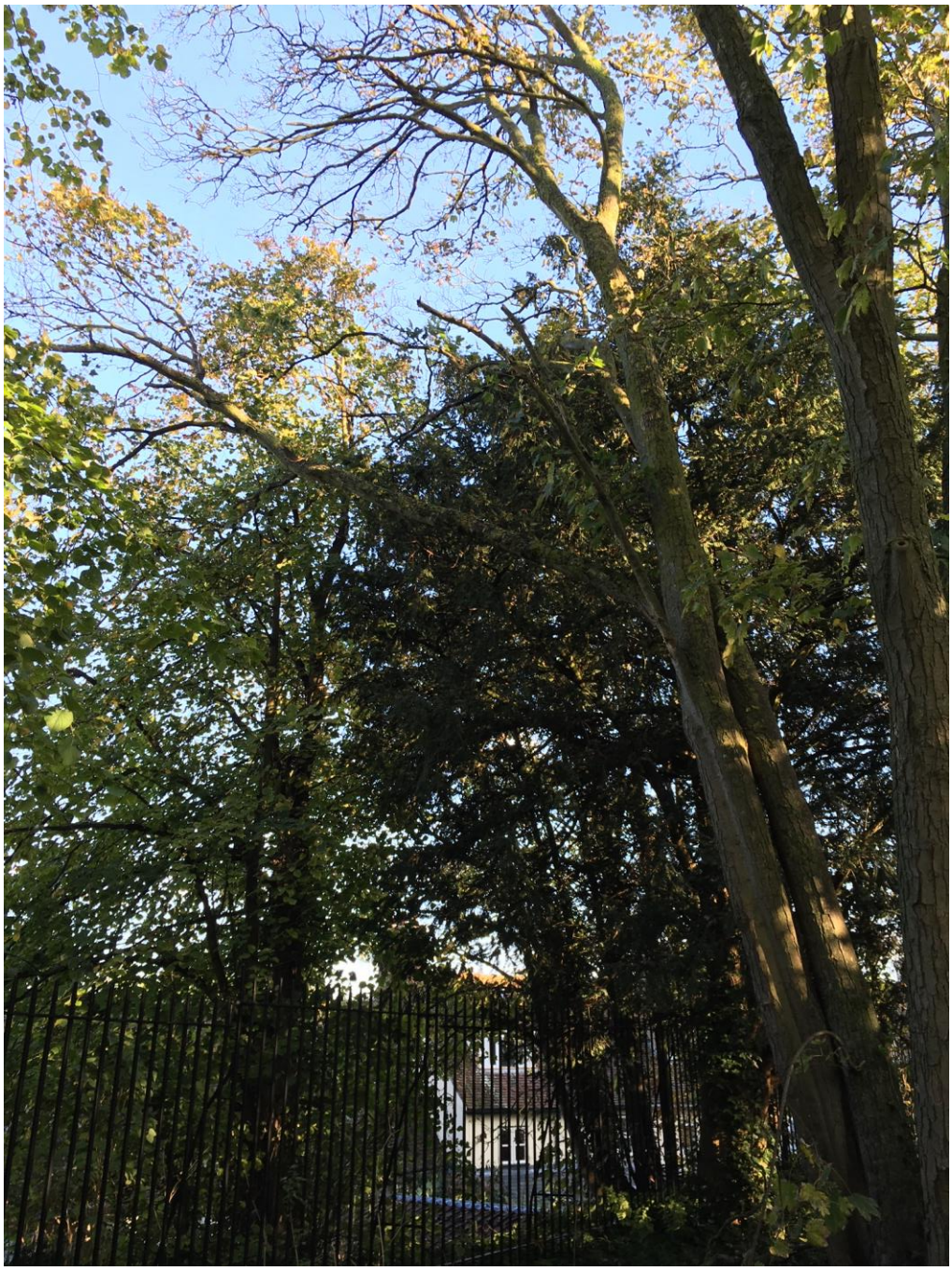
6. The tree work proposed is the felling of 2no. Sycamore, 2no. Lime and 1no. Horse Chestnut tree in the grounds of the Saffron Walden Museum (Appendix 1: Location plan).

7. The trees are growing in close proximity to a high brick built retaining wall on the boundary between the museum grounds and residential properties in Castle Street If these trees are retain there is a significant risk that the structural integrity of the retaining wall will be compromised.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
3. If retained the trees pose a significant risk.	4. In the medium/long term there is near certainty that the retaining wall will be damaged.	3/4. A major collapse of the retaining wall would likely cause damage and/or a risk of personal injury.	Felling of the subject trees would remove the associated risks.

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: Photographs.