

Committee: Planning

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Title: Notification of intent to carryout tree work within a conservation area at The Bluebell Inn, High Street, Hempstead (UTT/21/1870/TCA)

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Summary

1. This item seeks the Committee's consideration of proposed tree works within a conservation area at The Bluebell Inn, Hempstead. The notifier is an employee of the District Council. The proposal is to fell 1no. cobnut, 1no. hawthorn, 1no. plum, and reduce lower branches of 1no. pine, and reshape 1no. plum.

Recommendations

2. No objection 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	Details of the decision to be entered in the public register of TCA notifications
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 subject trees are situated in the grounds of The Bluebell Inn (Appendix 1: Location Plan).
7. The cobnut tree proposed to be felled is damaging an adjacent fence and is not considered to be of a public amenity value worthy of being made the subject of a tree preservation order (TPO) (Appendix 2).
8. The hawthorn intended to be felled is not considered to be of a public amenity value worthy of being made the subject of a TPO and is interfering with the full and safe use of the adjacent parking area (Appendix 3).
9. The damson plum to be felled is dying (Appendix 4).
10. The pine tree is a mature specimen. The lower branches are interfering with the full use of the beer garden area. The proposed removal of lower and dead branches is considered appropriate management of this tree (Appendix 5).
11. The plum tree proposed to be reshaped is not considered to be of an amenity value worthy of being made the subject of a TPO (Appendix 6).
12. The proposed works are considered appropriate management of the subject trees.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
1	1	1	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: Cobnut tree



Appendix 3: Hawthorn



Appendix 4: Damson plum



Appendix 5: Pine tree



Appendix 6: Damson plum

