

Application Ref: 15/00200/CTR

Proposal: Holly - Reduce branches to provide 0.5 m clearance on property

Site: 333 Thorpe Road, Peterborough, PE3 6LU
Applicant: Councillor M Cereste

Agent: N/A
Site visit: 18.02.2015

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Recommendation: Raise no objections

1 Description of the site and surroundings and Summary of the proposal

This application has been brought to Planning and Environmental Protection Committee as Part 3 of the Delegation Scheme of the Councils Constitution states at Section 2.5.4.2 (f) that any Conservation Area submission made by or on behalf of a member of the Council must be determined by Committee .

The present application is a notice pursuant to Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for works to a tree in a conservation area. Section 211 provides that the works will be deemed as authorised and works may be carried out after the expiry of six weeks from the date of the notice, if no decision has been made by the Local Planning Authority.

The period of six weeks from submission of the notice comes to an end on 23rd March 2015, prior to the next Planning and Environmental Protection Committee; therefore, the matter needs to be considered as an urgent item at the Committee to be held on 3rd March 2015.

The application consists of a single Holly located immediately on the eastern boundary between Longthorpe Tower and 333 Thorpe Road.

The proposal is for the reduction of branches by 0.5m to clear the adjacent windows of 333 Thorpe Road.

2 Planning History

No relevant planning history

3 Planning Policy

Decisions must be taken in accordance with the development plan policies below, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

4 Consultations/Representations

No comments received

Local Residents/Interested Parties

Initial consultations: 0

Total number of responses: 0

Total number of objections: 0

Total number in support: 0

5 Assessment of the planning issues

Holly. Mature. Located within 0.5m of the dwelling at 333 Thorpe Road with another Holly around 2m further east towards the road. The Holly has not been pruned in recent years and is now touching the guttering of 333 Thorpe Road in addition it is close to windows of the property.

The Holly is not of sufficient value to warrant a Tree Preservation Order.

The requested pruning creating 0.5m clearance from the dwelling is minimal and therefore reasonable. The pruning will have no detrimental effect on the amenity of the area or the health of the tree.

6 Conclusions

The proposal is in accordance with sound arboricultural practice.

7 Recommendation

The case officer recommends that **no objections are raised**.