

REPORT FROM: Planning, Economic Development & Regulatory Services Manager

TO: Colne and District Area Committee

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21/0698/TPO – Heyroyd Farm, Skipton Road, Colne.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

For members to decide the application.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve the application with the conditions outlined below.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

For good and appropriate management of protected trees and those within a Conservation Area.

ISSUE

1. An application to carry out work to protected trees was received on 16th August.
2. The applicant is an elected member. As such the area committee must decide the application.
3. The Principal Environment Officer attended site prior to the application and gave advice.
4. The work applied for and officers comments are outlined in the table below:

Number	Description of works	Officers Comments
T1	Ash. Remove due to Ash Dieback	This tree is protected by virtue of the Conservation Area and not Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Around 30% of the trees crown is already dead. As such the tree is not suitable for TPO and the removal of this tree should be allowed.
T2	Ash. Crown lift and thin	This is a nice tree and at the moment is in

		healthy condition and not showing any signs of Ash Dieback. It is protected by TPO. Crown lifting and thinning will allow light through the tree reduce the sail area prevent snapping out in high winds and will also prevent it being grazed by animals. This is pretty standard pruning work and will not be detrimental to the tree.
G1	Hedge Reduction	This is a hedge made up of a mixed of native trees, laurel and other plants. Under normal circumstances an application would not be required. However, through neglect the hedge has been allowed to grow out to a group of young trees. Technically, they are protected by the Conservation Area but are not suitable for TPO and the reduction of the 'trees' should be allow to reform the group as the intended hedge.
G2	Group of Beech. Removal of deadwood and crown lift	These are protected Beech in some pinfolds. They are in reasonable condition and health. Removal of deadwood is an exception to application and does not require consent. Crown lifting will allow more light under the trees and help with the applicants desire to plant more trees underneath.
G3	Hawthorns. Remove to allow planting of new hedge	Early mature Hawthorns that have been allowed to grow out. These are protected by the virtue of the Conservation Area. The trees are not clearly visible from any public area, as such have low amenity value and are unsuitable for Tree Preservation Order. The creation of a new mixed native hedgerow will compensate for the loss and will be better for biodiversity.

Conditions

5. Conditions will only apply to those trees protected by Tree Preservation Order.

6. The consent would include standard conditions:

- The works hereby consented shall consist only of those detailed in the application, as qualified by these conditions, and shall be completed in their entirety.

Reason: To ensure the continued protection of the tree(s).

- The pruning works shall consist of the following:
 - a) The cleaning out of any stumps, dead wood, hung up branches and climbers.
 - b) Crown lifting of the trees within G2 in the application to a maximum height above ground level of 5 metres and the tree marked T2 to a maximum height above ground level of 3 metres.
 - c) Crown thinning throughout the crown to a maximum of 20% inclusive of the above work.

Reason: To ensure high standards of tree care are maintained, promoting healthy, safe trees that continue to provide amenity and ecological value to the area and/or site.

- The works shall not include:
 - a) The removal of any branch of which any part is more than 75 millimetres in diameter, measured over the bark;
 - b) Any pollarding or topping;
 - c) Any reduction in height of the tree.

Reason: To prevent any detriment to the amenity value of the tree.

- All works shall be carried out so as to conform to British Standard 3998:2010, Tree Works – Recommendations.

Reason: To ensure high standards of tree care are maintained, promoting healthy, safe trees that continue to provide amenity and ecological value to the area and/or site.

- The works hereby permitted are to be completed within two years.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy:

Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy – ENV1, Protecting and Enhancing Our Natural and Historic Environments

Financial:

None arising from this report

Legal:

None arising from this report

Risk Management:

None arising from this report

Health and Safety:

None arising from this report

Sustainability:

None arising from this report

Community Safety:

None arising from this report

Equality and Diversity:

None arising from this report

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Site plan.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS