

HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Paul Carnell (Chairman), Cllr. Helen Corben, Cllr. Cynthia Garton, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Lucy Jurd, Cllr. Chris Yates

H177 Apologies

Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Ian Corben

H178 To Determine Planning Applications

T/18/83654 - 25 JASMINE ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4SY – Proposal 1 no. Oak - Reduce lower lateral limb by up to 3m 2 no. Oak - reduce x2 lateral limbs by up to 3m. **RESOLVED: The Committee will accept the Borough Tree Officer's recommendations.**

T/18/83683 - 1 JASMINE ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4SX – Proposal T1 1 no. Oak, prune branches overhanging property by approximately 2-4 metres. No pruning larger than 75mm. **RESOLVED: The Committee will accept the Borough Tree Officer's recommendations.**

H/18/83712 - 25 STIRLING CRESCENT, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2SA - Proposed first floor extension over garage and conversion of garage. **RESOLVED: No Objection.**

T/18/83725 - 24 FIRS DRIVE, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4QL - 1 no. Scots Pine T1- crown reduction of up to 1.5m. The Town Clerk advised members that the Operations Manager has looked into this tree application and made the following observations:

- Limited detail. No diagram or photos. Application uses the term 'targeted' without quantifying.
- Scots Pine is not a tree that responds well to reduction.
- Wording is open to interpretation. Use of the word targeted implies that only specific branches will be reduced but does not demonstrate which branches. Annotated photo or diagram would have made this clear.

RESOLVED: OBJECTION on the grounds of the reasons stated above.

T/18/83734 - YELLOW DOT NURSERY, POMEROY CRESCENT, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2LF - T2 - 1 no. Ash – Fell. The Town Clerk advised members that the Operations Manager has looked into this tree application and made the following observations:

- Lack of information provided.
- No assessment of the decay, no pictures, no photo, no diagnostic information has been provided.

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- Section 6.1 of the application (1. Condition of the tree(s) - e.g. it is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall') clearly states 'NO';
- No other management options have been suggested i.e. why not simply reduce the tree.
- Old, decayed trees can have a higher ecological benefit over healthy trees. The lack of information within this application means that we cannot make an informed decision.

RESOLVED: OBJECTION on the grounds of the reasons stated above.

T/18/83795 - 49 STIRLING CRESCENT, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2SA - 1 no. Oak (T1) – Fell. The Town Clerk advised members that the Operations Manager has looked into this tree application and made the following observations:

- Ownership details are missing on the application – who does the tree belong to. (could be HETC)?
- Birch is not a long lived tree or a tree of stature – not a fitting replacement for an Oak.
- Reasons stated for felling are part of the natural cycle and should not be a reason to remove a protected tree.
- Failed to demonstrate that the tree has a low amenity value. Some photos would have helped.

RESOLVED: OBJECTION on the grounds of the reasons stated above.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.10 hours.