Application Number: 25/00143/TREE

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

REFUSAL TO WORK ON PROTECTED TREES

Mr Andrew Fenwick
Atlas Tree Surgery Ltd
Unit 11
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Over
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Huntingdonshire District Council in pursuance of powers under the above Act, hereby **REFUSE TO GRANT CONSENT** to carry out the following work:

Proposal: T1 Walnut - Reduce height by 2m and the width in all directions by 2m. back to previous pruning points. Reason - To contain the size of the tree due to its location.

Site address: Hideaway House 1A Conington Road Fenstanton Huntingdon

Applicant: Mr Burns

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In accordance with your application received on 23rd January 2025 and the plans, drawings and documents which form part of the application subject to the following reason/s.

1. Reason: Reason for Refusal: The work is unnecessary to maintain the integrity of the trees and buildings nearby.

2. Reason: Reason for Refusal: A crown reduction would reduce the public amenity value of the tree.

3. Reason: Reason for refusal: No justification for undertaking the work has been provided. Any pruning to a tree needs justification. A crown reduction, more than most other operations, can

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result in a radical change in the form of the tree with long term consequences, so there needs to be sound reasoning, usually to prevent failure or damage occurring. A crown reduction on a healthy tree typically results in rapid regeneration. This can congest the crown and and create more problems later, as the new growth is weakly attached and more prone to failure. A crown reduction also creates multiple wounds across the canopy that act as ingress points for airborne pathogens.

4. Reason: Reason for refusal: The crown has recently been reduced and has not recovered from the physiological stress of that process. There is little regeneration at present, and not the 2m of regrowth suggested by the proposal. There are no viable growth points 2m inside of the current pruning cuts; the proposed works therefore cannot comply with British Standard 3998:2010 and will damage the tree.

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NOTES

1. **Right of Appeal**. If you disagree with our decision you can appeal to the Secretary of State responsible for planning within 28 days of the date of this decision notice. Your appeal should be made on the relevant TPO consent appeal form obtained from PINs. You can find this online at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tree-preservation-order-appeal-form or by writing to Room 3H Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House,2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN
2. **Compensation**. If you suffer any loss or damage as a result of this decision, you may be entitled to recover from the Council compensation. If you wish to make a claim you must do so within 12 months from the date of this decision (or, if you appeal to the secretary of State, within 12 months of the date of his decision). Claims should be made in writing to the Head of Planning Services at the address shown below.
3. This decision notice does not convey any approval or consent which may be required under any enactment, bye-law or regulation other than Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

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