Application Number: 24/02085/TREE

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

REFUSAL TO WORK ON PROTECTED TREES

Mr John Keith Harrison
6 Bushmead Road
Eaton Socon
St Neots
PE19 8BP

Huntingdonshire District Council in pursuance of powers under the above Act, hereby **REFUSE TO GRANT CONSENT** to carry out the following work:

Proposal: Ash and Sycamore - reduce crowns all over by 2m and lift crowns by 5m.

Site address: 6 Bushmead Road Eaton Socon St Neots PE19 8BP

In accordance with your application received on 8th November 2024 and the plans, drawings and documents which form part of the application subject to the following reason/s.

1. Note to applicant: The applicant should be advised to have an inspection carried out on both trees to meet with their "Duty of Care" under common law. This would allay any fears but also identify any works that are required, this would also support any required works. Any such insepection should be provided by a suitably qualified individual (typically a Consultant although some Tree Surgeons are qualified to the same level) providing sounds Arboricultural evidence in support of claims made for required works.

1. Reason: There has been no sound Arboricultural justification provided to address the concerns raised. Any pruning to a tree needs justification - a crown reduction, more than most other operations, can result in a radical changed in the form of the tree with long term consequences, so there needs to be sound reasoning to carry out what is a fairly drastic and costly operation. A crown reduction on a healthy tree typically results in increased vigour which in return can congest the crown and create more problems later as this new growth is weakly attached and therefore more prone to failure. Crown reductions on healthy trees will only be a short term solution and long term will involve more expense on further necessary reductions to reduce this risk of failure.

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Date 17th December 2024

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In essence, reductions tend to result in a bushier, denser crown within 2-3 years that will require regular reductions thereafter to prevent failure. At present, the lower crowns meet the standard highways clearances of 5.2m.



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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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