

PLANNING COMMITTEE –

Granting consent for Tree Works Application REF. TREE/2021/8012 at 41 Strathcona Gardens, Knaphill, Woking, GU21 2AY

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Committee that consent for a tree works application at 41 Strathcona Gardens, Knaphill, Woking, GU21 2AY be granted. The proposal for works is as follows –

T1 Lime - Re-pollard to previous points. T2 Oak - Raise tree crown to 6 metres above ground level. Reduce the crown by 2-3 metres/ previous pruning points. Thin crown by 10% and remove dead wood

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

RESOLVE that consent be granted for the Tree Works Application REF. TREE/2021/8012

This Committee has authority to determine the above recommendations.

Background Papers:

1. Completed application form by the applicant
2. Map

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Introduction

A tree works application (**Appendix 1**) was submitted to the council on 11.01.2021 making a formal request to prune 1 Lime tree and 1 Oak tree.

1.1 The plan from the application showing the location of the trees is attached at **Appendix 2**.

1.2 No Objections have been received in relation to this application.

1.3 The recommendation would be to grant consent for the works

2.0 Background Information

2.1 T1 and T2 are a mature lime and oak respectively. The two trees are approximately 13m in height and are of moderate public amenity value. The trees have normal crown vitality and have both been reduced in the past. The works to reduce the two trees back to previous pruning points along with crown thin and lift for T2 is seen as reasonable and of good practice.

2.2 The applicant has identified that they are a council employee.

3.0 Implications

Financial

3.1 None

Human Resource/Training and Development

3.2 None

Environmental/Sustainability

3.3 The two trees which are the subject of this application are likely to continue making a significant contribution to the character and amenities of the locality for many years to come and the works would be of limited detriment to the trees and character of the area.

4.0 Conclusions

The trees are essentially healthy and are of moderate public amenity value. The trees have been reduced in the past, therefore the works are seen as reasonable and of good arboricultural practice and would not be of significant detriment to the trees and surrounding area.

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