Application Recommended for Approve with Conditions

TPO/2023/0582

Whittlefield With Ightenhill

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Application to prune three trees located within G1 of the Burnley (Clifton House & Clifton Farm, Ightenhill) Tree Preservation Order 1976

Footpath to rear of 120 and along 120 to 126 Hargrove Avenue, Burnley.

Applicant: Greenspaces and Amenities.

Background:

The application has been reported to Committee as it has been submitted by Burnley Borough Council, Greenspaces and Amenities. The trees are located adjacent to the footpath between the rear of 120 to 126 Hargrove Avenue and properties at Yeoman Fold (previously Clifton House/Farm).

Relevant Policies:

Burnley's Local Plan 2018

NE4 – Trees, hedgerows, and woodlands.

Site History:

APP/2002/0490 – Application to fell and prune various trees covered by the Burnley (Clifton House and Clifton Farm, Ightenhill) TPO 1976 – c/c APP/2008/0386 – Application to prune Horse Chestnut tree – c/c APP/2017/0290 – Application to crown lift various trees to 4m – c/c

Consultation Responses:

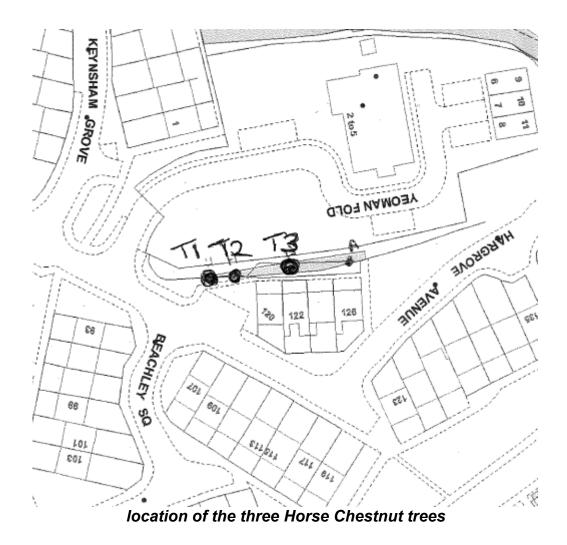
None received.

Planning and Environmental Considerations:

The proposal involves the pruning of three Horse Chestnut trees which are located along the footpath at the rear of properties on Hargrove Avenue. It is proposed to crown lift two of the Horse Chestnut trees and remove the epicormic growth up the trunk from the other tree.

The crown lifting (to a maximum of 5m) is proposed in order to allow clearance for vehicles using the car park at Yeoman Fold and the removal of epicormic growth to alleviate any nuisance from branches close to the footpath.

There are no objections to the proposed tree work which is considered to be in line with good management of the trees.



Recommendation:

Grant subject to the following conditions:

1. The tree work must be completed within 2 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Pursuant to Regulation 17 (4) of the Town and County Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

2. The tree work is restricted to the crown lifting (to a maximum of 5m) of two Horse Chestnut trees and the removal of epicormic growth from one Horse Chestnut tree (all within G1) as detailed within the submitted application.

Reason: In order to keep control of tree work in the interests of the amenity of the area.

3. The tree work must be carried out to British Standards.

Reason: In order that the work is completed to a suitable standard.