

Report to Planning Committee

Application Number: 2014/1215TPO

Location: 21 Ethel Avenue, Mapperley

Proposal: T2 - Yew. Raise crown/cut back overhanging vegetation over adjacent unadopted roadway/footpath. T1 - Larch. Fell to ground level.

Case Officer: Fiona Campbell

Tree Preservation Consent for the above works was refused by the Borough Council on 29th December 2014 on the grounds that the proposed works were considered to be unnecessary in terms of good arboricultural practice as the trees were in good health and vigour. No supporting evidence had been submitted to warrant the felling of the larch tree and the yew tree was considered not to require significant works.

An appeal against this decision was subsequently lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.

This appeal has been dismissed, the Inspector concluded that there was currently insufficient justification for either the removal of the larch or the pruning of the yew. The Inspector commented that, whilst the larch tree has an untidy appearance, the upper section of the crown appeared healthy and can be viewed from the north-west and south-east. The larch tree should not be removed and its retention should be appropriately addressed as part of the outstanding planning application no. 2014/0856. With regards to the yew the Inspector took the view that the proposed 5.2m clearance above highway level was excessive and the degree of pruning proposed would be detrimental to the appearance of the yew, however minor works to the tree may be appropriate.

Recommendation:

To note the information.