

<b>Agenda Item</b> A15	<b>Committee Date</b> 12 December 2016	<b>Application Number</b> 16/0137/TCA
<b>Application Site</b> 95 Main Street Warton LA5 9PJ	<b>Proposal</b> Tree works application to fell a single conifer	
<b>Name of Applicant</b> Mr Kevin Richards	<b>Name of Agent</b> -	
<b>Decision Target Date</b> 21 November 2016	<b>Reason For Delay</b> N/A	
<b>Case Officer</b>	Miss Maxine Knagg	
<b>Departure</b>	No	
<b>Summary of Recommendation</b>	Tree Works Notification – No objection to the intended work	

**(i) Procedural Matters**

This is not a planning application but a notification for works to fell a single conifer from the rear garden of the above property. These types of notification are usually considered under delegated powers. However in this particular case, it is considered prudent to determine the application at Planning and Highways Regulatory Committee, because a City Council employee lives at the property.

**1.0 The Site and its Surroundings**

- 1.1 Main Street is a main thoroughfare through the village of Warton. The property is established within the local conservation area as such, all trees that have grown to attain a stem diameter of 75mm or greater when measured at 1.5m above ground level are protected in law.
- 1.2 The tree that is subject to this notification is a conifer, established within the rear garden.

**2.0 The Proposal**

- 2.1 The Tree Works Notification details an intention by the owner to fell a conifer established within the rear garden of the property.

**3.0 Site History**

- 3.1 None relevant to this application.

**4.0 Tree Works Assessment**

- 4.1 The tree has no significant visual impact upon the wider locality and conservation area.
- 4.2 The specimen does have some potential to provide habitat and foraging opportunities for wildlife,

including protected species such as nesting birds which are protected under the terms of the Wildlife & Countryside Act (as amended 2010) 1981.

- 4.3 Generally the tree (known as T1) is in good overall condition.
- 4.4 The loss of T1 is not regarded to have any adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the property, wider locality or the Conservation Area.
- 4.5 Lancaster City Council does not consider the tree to be worthy of protection with a tree preservation order, as such has no objection to the intended works.
- 4.6 All tree work must be carried out in compliance to current standards of best practice, set out within *BS 3998 (2010) Tree Work*, and to ensure the visual amenity, health, vitality and long term sustainability of the trees are not adversely impacted upon.

## **5.0 Conclusions**

- 5.1 Based upon the above assessment, the removal of the tree in question is permissible.
- 5.2 Therefore Members are advised that subject to the advice notes below, the local authority has no objection to the intended work.

## **Recommendation**

That there is **NO OBJECTION TO THE INTENDED TREE WORK** subject to the following advice:

- 1. That in respect of T1 – Conifer – Fell to ground level.

## **Background Papers**

None.