



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEV/SE/15/60

Development Control Committee

Thursday 1 October 2015

Tree Preservation Order Application

DC/15/1518/TPO

**Cemetery, adjacent to Horace Eves Close,
Withersfield Road, Haverhill**

Date: 28 July 2015 **Expiry Date:** 22 September 2015

Registered:

Case Officer: Kerri Cooper **Recommendation:** Approve

Officer:

Parish: Haverhill Town **Ward:** Haverhill North

Proposal: TPO 041(1977) - Tree Preservation Order - (i) 1no. Lime - pollard to 6m (122 on plan) (ii) 1no. Lime - crown reduce by 20% (166 on plan) (iii) 1no. Copper Beech - crown reduce by 20% (125 on plan) (iv) 1no. Horse Chestnut - crown reduce by 20% (126 on plan) (v) 1no. Oak - reduce lateral branches over cemetery by 4m (140 on plan) (vi) 1no. Hornbeam raise to 1.2m for formative pruning (142 on plan) (vii) 1no. Pine - crown lift by 3m (152 on plan) (viii) 1no. Scots pine - crown lift by 3m (153 on plan) (ix) 1no. Lawson Cypress - Fell (918 on plan) All G1 on Order

Site: Cemetery, adjacent to Horace Eves Close, Withersfield Road, Haverhill, CB9 9JH

Applicant: St Edmundsbury Borough Council

Synopsis:

Application under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and Associated matters.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee determine the attached application and associated matters.

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Background:

This application is referred to the Committee as the Local Authority is the applicant.

Proposal:

1. This application is to:
 - pollard to 6metres 1no. Lime Tree (122 on plan);
 - crown reduce by 20% 1no. Lime Tree (166 on plan);
 - crown reduce by 20% 1no. Copper Beech (125 on plan);
 - crown reduce by 20% 1no. Horse Chestnut (126 on plan);
 - reduce lateral branches over cemetery by 4metres to 1no. Oak Tree (140 on plan);
 - raise to 1.2metres for formative pruning to 1no. Hornbeam Tree (142 on plan);
 - crown lift by 3metres to 1no. Pine Tree (152 on plan), crown lift by 3metres 1no. Scots Pine (153 on plan); and
 - fell 1no. Lawson Cyrpress (918 on plan).

Application Supporting Material:

2. Information submitted with the application as follows:
 - Application Form, Schedule of Tree Works and Tree Survey Plan received 28 July 2015.

Site Details:

3. The application site comprises Haverhill Cemetery which is a Nature Conservation Interest Site situated within the Housing Settlement Boundary of Haverhill. The trees are mature and form an attractive and important setting for the cemetery.

Planning History:

4. SE/13/0768/TPO - TPO41(1977) 6 - Tree Preservation Order Application - Lime Tree (122 on plan, within Group G3 on Order) - Crown raise over gardens to 4 metres – Approved 16 August 2013.
5. SE/09/0774 - TPO41(1977)5 - Tree Preservation Order Application - Raise crown to 6 metres over private garden and reduce remaining low branches over garden by 30% to give clearance to two Beech trees (T124 and T125 on plan, within group G2 on Order) – Approved 12 August 2009.
6. SE/09/0016 - TPO41(1977)4 - Tree Preservation Order Application - Group G1 on Order - 140 Oak - Reduce branches by 4 metres over footpath; 146 Horse chestnut - fell and replace; 147 Sycamore - crown lift (clear stem) to 5 metres; 148 Beech - crown lift to 5 metres over footpath; 149 Horse chestnut - crown lift to 4 metres and reduce branches by 2 metres over footpath; 152 Austrian pine - reduce branches by 2 metres over footpath; 155 Austrian pine - crown lift to 3 metres; 1071

Scots pine - crown lift to 3 metres; 156 Austrian pine - reduce branches by 2 metres over footpath; 162 Scots pine - reduce branches by 2 metres over footpath; 163 Austrian pine - reduce branches by 2 metres over footpath; 13 Horse chestnut - reduce branches by 2 metres over footpath; 15 Sycamore - reduce branches by 2 metres over footpath; 164 Sycamore - crown lift by 4 metres and reduce branches over footpath by 2 metres; 165 Ash - reduce branches by 2 metres over footpath - Group G3 on Order - 174 Austrian pine - remove large low limb on south-east side of tree growing over gardens; 175 Austrian pine - remove large limb on east side of tree growing over gardens; 177 Austrian pine - reduce limb, growing into sycamore, by 50%; 122 Lime - remove 2 lowest limbs growing over garden towards shed and lowest limb growing along fence line on north side of stem; 123 Lime - crown lift to 4 metres over garden - Group G2 on Order - 127 Horse chestnut - reduce and reshape crown by 30-40%. Reduce east scaffold limb to 2nd last branch; 128 Weeping ash - fell and replace - Approved 27 February 2009.

7. SE/07/0290 - TPO41(1977)3 - Tree Preservation Order Application - Fell one Pine tree (Marked on plan as 665 PIP within G1 on Order) - Approved 10 April 2007.
8. SE/06/1778 - TPO41 (1977)2 - Tree Preservation Order Application - Fell one Beech tree (653 FS) and one Horse chestnut tree (655 AEH) - Approved 7 July 2006.

Consultations:

9. Landscape and Ecology Officer: The proposals are a justified and proportionate response to the condition of the trees.

Representations:

10. Town Council: No objection.
11. Neighbours: No representations received.

Officer Comment:

12. The proposals have been submitted by the Local Authority. The reason for the works is to manage the trees within the cemetery in a safe condition and reduce the risks to the public using the cemetery and to neighbouring properties.
13. The Councils' Arboricultural Officer has included an inventory of the work that is required to the trees listed. This includes notes on the reasons for the works. This information gives each tree a number and is cross referenced to the application plan.
14. Works to trees T122, T125, and T126 are required because these trees are diseased. Reduction of branches to trees T140 and T166 are required because these branches have become so long that they are likely to fail if

the weight at the end is not reduced. The issue is compounded in tree T166 by the presence of cavities. These works are aimed at reducing the size of these trees such that the risks associated with tree failure are reduced. All these trees are located on the boundary of the cemetery.

15. Raising the crown of trees (T142, T152 and T153) is common practise that is considered acceptable. In this case the raising is modest to allow clearance beneath.

16. The loss of tree T918 which is a Lawson Cypress will not be significant in this context surrounded by other trees.

17. The proposals are a justified and proportionate response to the condition of the trees in accordance with sound arboricultural practise.

Conclusion:

18. In conclusion, the proposal is considered to be acceptable tree maintenance and works which will be beneficial to the long term safe retention of the trees and the amenity of the cemetery.

Recommendation:

It is **RECOMMENDED** that **approval** to be granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Standard Time Limit.
2. Arboricultural Standards.

Documents:

All background documents including application forms, drawings and other supporting documentation relating to this application can be viewed online.

<https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=NS6SEUPDJHU00>

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Date: 15.09.2015