



Development Control Committee

1 October 2015

Late Papers

Item 9 – 1 Bullen Close, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk – DC/15/1688

1. This paper provides updates on:
 - Consultation responses
2. The Town Council have no objection to the proposed works.
3. The following summarised objection has been received from the owner/occupier of no. 23 Bullen Close:
 - *I object to this application because of the amount of wildlife that uses that area both in the trees and on the floor.*
 - *Cutting it all back and taking the bushes out doesn't need to be done.*
 - *The trees are no bother to me and I am right beside them also in the recent high winds they were fine so I don't really understand why it has been proposed in the first place.*
 - *I enjoy watching all the birds, squirrels, foxes which use the trees and bushes for food.*
 - *I am sure my neighbours and their kids enjoy it too.*
 - *Please don't cut it back*
4. In undertaking the works the Borough Council will have regard to wildlife constraints as is their duty under NERC Act. It is not anticipated that there will be a long term affect on wildlife within the tree belt as sufficient trees and shrubs will be retained.
5. The works is needed because the beech tree has had numerous branch failures which has resulted in wounds which are forming cavities. There is concern that decay from these wounds is spreading, also typical for the species, and that the cavities themselves are also structurally weak. If the tree were to fail, there is potential that it would damage adjacent property.
6. Whilst we recognise the concerns from the neighbours, in this case the safety issues outweigh any minor disbenefit that would occur.