

Item No 07:-

19/04478/TPO

**Beeches Car Park
Beeches Road
Cirencester
Gloucestershire**

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T.7 - Lawson - fell, crown with dead foliage one side; T.8 - Lawson - fell, crown with dead foliage one side at Beeches Car Park Beeches Road Cirencester Gloucestershire

Works to trees with a TPO 19/04478/TPO	
Applicant:	Cotswold District Council
Agent:	Tallis Shakespeare
Case Officer:	Amy Hill
Ward Member(s):	Councillor Joe Harris
Committee Date:	15th January 2020
RECOMMENDATION:	PERMIT

Main Issues:

(a) The potential loss of amenity

Reasons for Referral:

This application has been referred to the Planning and Licensing Committee for determination because it involves works to protected trees on Council owned land. The trees are within the Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) Corinium Roman Town.

1. Site Description:

This application relates to two Lawson Cypress trees on the western edge of Beeches Road Car Park, along the river Churn. An Area Tree Preservation Order (TPO 4) was served on the land by Cotswold District Council in 1991.

2. Relevant Planning History:

19/00254/TPO - Fell T30 (Red Horse Chestnut) due to decay - Permitted January 2019

3. Planning Policies:

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework

4. Observations of Consultees:

N/A

5. View of Town/Parish Council:

Cirencester Town Council raised no objection to the felling of the two Lawson trees, subject to the comments of the Tree Officer.

6. Other Representations:

No representations received at time of writing report (prior to the end of the statutory consultation period)

7. Applicant's Supporting Information:

Location of Trees
Work schedule
Photos

8. Officer's Assessment:

This application is to fell two Lawson Cypress trees (T7 and T8 on the attached plan) due to evident dead foliage within the crown of the trees.

During a recent tree inspection, dead foliage on one side within the crown of both trees was found, the cause of which is unknown. It was noted that the shoot tips are dead and as such won't regrow. Whilst the trunk is sound at present, it is proposed to fell the tree as they will not recover.

The trees are within a cluster of others, and their appearance reflects their increasingly poor health. Therefore, they currently have a limited amenity value and their removal is considered acceptable. As part of the proposal, replacement tree planting will be required within the area. This would not be next to the Lawson Cypress trees, as these are situated on the SAM, and replanting in this location would require SAM Consent and archaeological investigations. Instead the replanting would be located to the north east of the site, outside the SAM. Given the trees' amenity value stems from the group value of the trees rather than from individual trees, this is considered acceptable.

It is proposed to leave the tree stumps at 1.5 metres in height which would minimise any potential public danger they may cause, whilst providing a microhabitat for ecologically beneficial saproxylic organisms including fungi, lichens, invertebrates and mosses.

9. Conclusion

The works are considered acceptable, given the poor appearance of the trees and lack of potential to regrow. The application is therefore recommended for approval subject to the condition of planting suitable alternatives.

10. Proposed conditions:

1. The tree work that is the subject of this application is permitted and must be carried out within two years of the date of this notice after which consent lapses and a new application must be made.

Reason: To ensure that works to trees that are protected by Tree Preservation Orders within Cotswold District are effectively controlled and monitored.

2. Following the felling of the Lawson Cypress trees replacement trees must be planted. The replacement trees must be selected from the following list of species:

Turkish Hazel (*Corylus Colurna*)
Mongolian Lime (*Tilia Mongolica*)
English Oak (*Quercus Robur*)

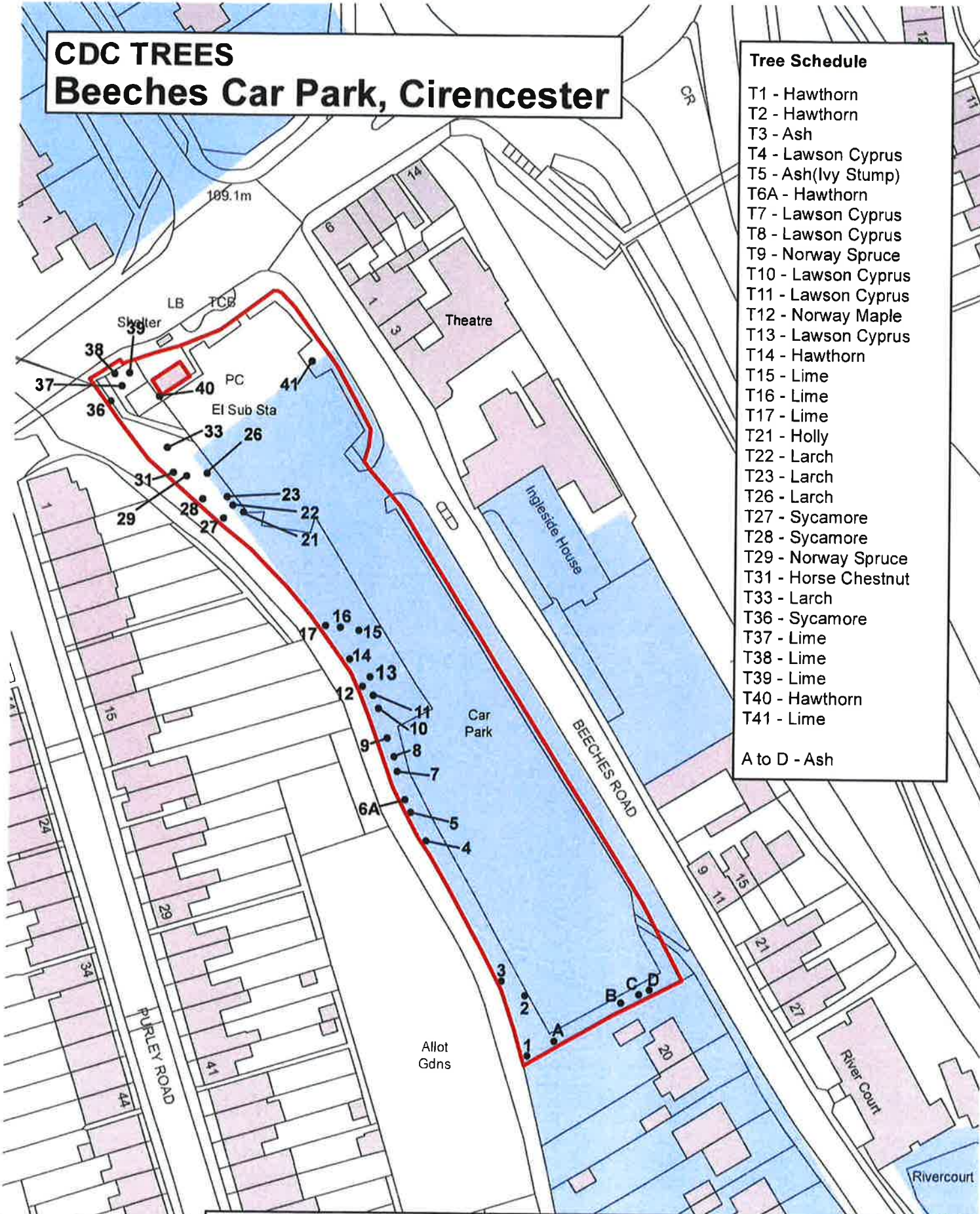
The replacement tree must be planted along the north east boundary of Beeches Car Park, within a 5m radius of the other trees protected by the same Tree Preservation Order as the Lawson Cypress trees. These must be planted within the planting season following the removal of the Lawson Cypress trees. It must be planted in accordance with current industry best practice and of a light standard size.

Should the replacement trees be removed, die or become severely damaged or seriously diseased, all within 5 years of planting, it must be replaced by a tree of a similar size and species to that originally planted. Any modifications to the requirements of this condition must be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the trees are replaced for the benefit of the amenity of the area and in order to preserve the visual amenities which exist at present on the site.

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Tree Schedule	
T1	- Hawthorn
T2	- Hawthorn
T3	- Ash
T4	- Lawson Cyprus
T5	- Ash(Ivy Stump)
T6A	- Hawthorn
T7	- Lawson Cyprus
T8	- Lawson Cyprus
T9	- Norway Spruce
T10	- Lawson Cyprus
T11	- Lawson Cyprus
T12	- Norway Maple
T13	- Lawson Cyprus
T14	- Hawthorn
T15	- Lime
T16	- Lime
T17	- Lime
T21	- Holly
T22	- Larch
T23	- Larch
T26	- Larch
T27	- Sycamore
T28	- Sycamore
T29	- Norway Spruce
T31	- Horse Chestnut
T33	- Larch
T36	- Sycamore
T37	- Lime
T38	- Lime
T39	- Lime
T40	- Hawthorn
T41	- Lime
A to D - Ash	



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