

Item No 12:-

16/02696/TPO

**Abbey Grounds
Dugdale Road
Cirencester
Gloucestershire**

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T32 London Plane - Crown raise to 4m above ground level, T41 Horse Chestnut - Crown raise to 4m above ground level, T2 Horse Chestnut - Crown raise to 3m above ground level, T3 Yew - Remove all growth from trunk to 5m above ground level at Abbey Grounds Dugdale Road Cirencester Gloucestershire

Works to trees with a TPO 16/02696/TPO	
Applicant:	Cotswold District Council
Agent:	None
Case Officer:	Martin Perks
Ward Member(s):	Councillor Mark Harris
Committee Date:	10th August 2016
RECOMMENDATION:	PERMIT

Main Issues:

a) Impact on Wellbeing of Protected Trees

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.

1. Site Description:

This application relates to a parcel of land located at Abbey Grounds car park and to the front of Blake Road, Cirencester. Tree T32 (London Plane) lies in an area of public open space adjacent to Blake road. Trees T2 (Horse Chestnut), T3 (Yew) and T41 (Horse Chestnut) lie adjacent to the public car park.

An Area Tree Preservation Order (TPO 1964) was served on the land by Gloucestershire County Council in 1964. Cotswold District Council became responsible for the TPO in 1974.

Attached to this report is a plan of the TPO and a plan showing the trees and the Council's ownership boundary.

2. Relevant Planning History:

14/05063/TPO T.32 - London Plane prune back to the 2013 pruning cuts, and upto 500mm beyond if decay is found, into sound wood Granted 2014

3. Planning Policies:

None

4. Observations of Consultees:

None

5. View of Town/Parish Council:

No objection

6. Other Representations:

None

7. Applicant's Supporting Information:

Site plan and photographs

8. Officer's Assessment:**(a) Impact on Wellbeing of Protected Trees**

It is proposed to undertake works to 4 protected trees located on Council owned land. The works in question are;

T32 London Plane - Crown raise to 4m above ground level. The proposed works will provide increased clearance above a pedestrian path, provide additional light to adjacent houses and reduce torsional twisting.

T41 Horse Chestnut - Crown raise to 4m above ground level to provide an improved CCTV sight line.

T2 Horse Chestnut - Crown raise to 3m above ground level to provide an improved CCTV sight line.

T3 Yew Tree - Remove all growth from trunk to 5m above ground level to provide an improved CCTV sight line.

The works are considered necessary in the interests of public amenity and safety. The works can be undertaken without having an adverse impact on the wellbeing of the protected trees and all works will comply with BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations

10. Conditions:

Works subject to this application must be carried out in accordance with the British Standard for tree works BS3998:2010.

Reason: To ensure that works are carried out to an industry pre-defined standard, in the interests of the health, safety and appearance of the preserved trees.

Climbing spikes/irons must not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on those that are to be felled.

Reason: Climbing spikes can cause extensive and long term damage to tree health

INFORMATIVES :-

1 It should be noted that the tree work that is the subject of this permission must be carried out within two years of the date of this notice after which consent lapses and a new application

must be made. The specified tree works may only be carried out once within that two year time period.

2 Work to trees can have detrimental impacts on protected wildlife species. All British birds, their nests and eggs (with certain, very limited exceptions) are protected by law, as are all bat species and their roosts (even when unoccupied). Prior to commencing work you should ensure that bats and bat roosts; and nesting birds and birds' nests will not be adversely affected. If you suspect that a bat or a bat roost is likely to be affected by the proposed works, you should consult Natural England (www.naturalengland.org.uk).

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Tree Schedule

- T2 - Horse Chestnut
- T3 - Yew
- T32 - London Plane
- T41 - Horse Chestnut

○ Application Site

□ Land Ownership

Scale: 1:1000
Date: 29 June 2016

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Photo one. T32 showing approximate line of pruning



Photo two. T41 Horse chestnut showing approximate line of pruning



Photo three. T2 Horse chestnut showing approximate pruning line

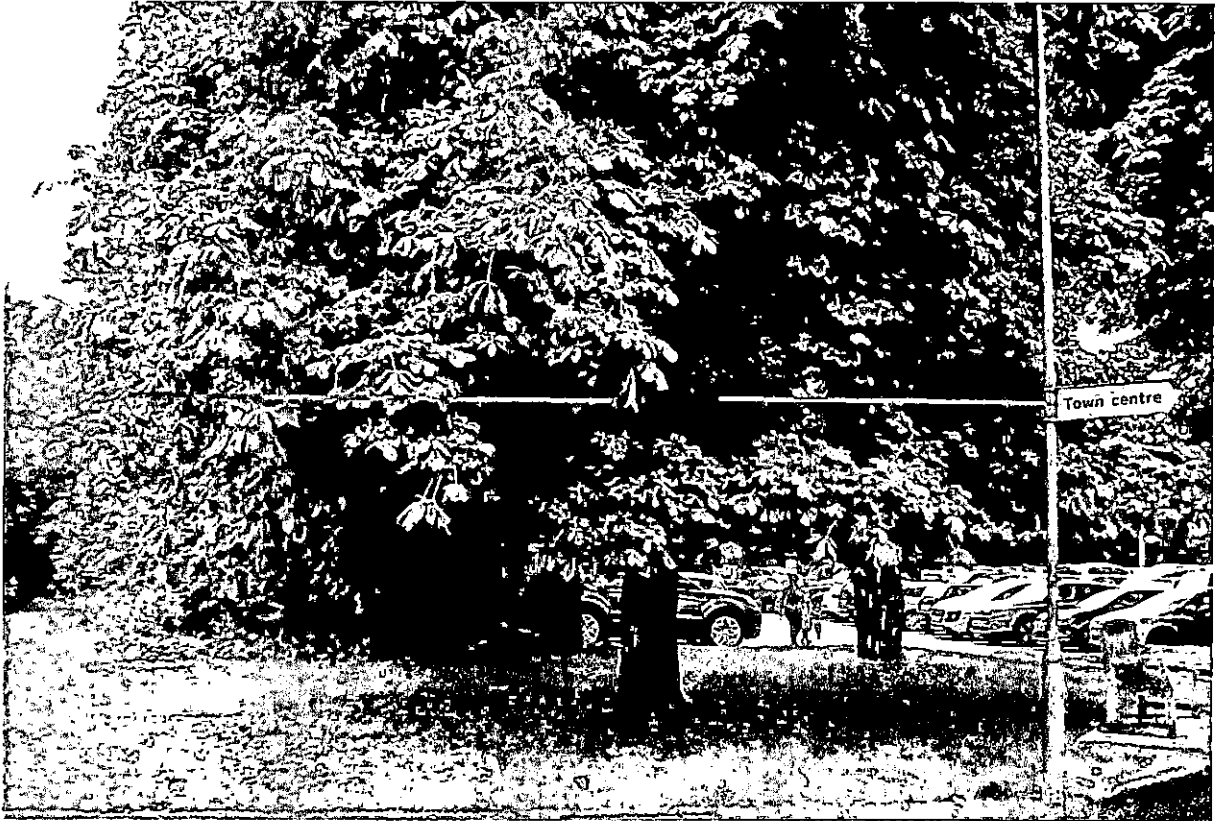


Photo four. T3 Yew showing approximate position of pruning. The material being removed is only very small young growth growing up stem.

