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16/05275/TPO (06/00118/TPO)

Abbey Grounds
Dugdale Road
Cirencester
Gloucestershire

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Fell and leave a 1.5m stump to regenerate or become deadwood habitat. T24 Purple Plum. Tree has Ganoderma infection at Abbey Grounds Dugdale Road Cirencester Gloucestershire

Works to trees with a TPO 16/05275/TPO (06/00118/TPO)		
Applicant:	Cotswold District Council	
Agent:		
Case Officer:	Christopher Fleming	_
Ward Member(s):	Councillor Mark Harris	
Committee Date:	11th January 2017	
RECOMMENDATION:	PERMIT	

Main Issues:

(a) The potential loss of amenity due to the need to remove the tree for safety reasons.

Reasons for Referral:

This application has been referred to the Planning Committee for determination because it involves works to a protected tree on Council owned land.

1. Site Description:

This application relates to a parcel of land at Abbey Grounds, Cirencester. The land is a public open space used as an amenity 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 tree and the Council's ownership boundary.

2. Relevant Planning History:

N/A

3. Planning Policies:

N/A

4. Observations of Consultees:

The views of the Tree Officer are incorporated within Officers Comments.

5. View of Town/Parish Council:

At the time of writing this report, no comments have been received.

6. Other Representations:

At the time of writing this report, no comments have been received.

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7. Applicant's Supporting Information:

N/A.

8. Officer's Assessment:

As the park is a public open space the tree is regularly surveyed as part of the CDC tree inspection regime. The recent survey revealed the tree (T24) is infected by the decay causing fungi Ganoderma. As the fungi causes tree failure, and the park is an open public space the tree is proposed to be felled in the interest of public safety.

Having assessed the application, the tree is a small tree and considered to be of no particular amenity merit, its removal is therefore not considered to have a significant impact on the amenity of the surrounding area.

9. Conclusion:

Given the condition of the tree, the works are considered necessary in the interests of public safety. The tree is considered to be of no particular amenity value, it is therefore recommended that the application is approved and that the tree is removed.

10. Proposed Informatives:

If the trees are not in your ownership, you will require the permission of the owner before any works can be carried out.

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).





