

## OFFICERS REPORT

**Application No:** Y17/1431/SH

**Location:** Land Adjoining Cold Harbour Blackhouse Hill Hythe Kent

**Proposal** Crown reduction of a Horse Chestnut subject of Tree Preservation Order No 6 of 2004

### ASSESSMENT

Performance data:-

Date application valid: 11/12/17

Applicable 8 week target date: 5/2/18

Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) or Planning Extension Agreement (PEA) ? Y/N

If Yes, revised 8/13/16 week target date:

Is the application being determined after 26 weeks without a PPA or a PEA? Y/N

### SITE VISIT

Carried out site visit on 21/12/17

The site and proposals were assessed from various points around the site.

### SITE

The site is a roughly triangular area of pasture land set in a semi-rural location on the upper hillside on the northern outskirts of the attractive coastal town of Hythe. The site is set back from the road on the south west side of Blackhouse Hill and is enclosed by properties on all three sides. The site is within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and just outside a Special Landscape Area.

The very large mature Horse Chestnut tree is situated close to the north western boundary adjacent to 36A Blackhouse Hill and is one of a number of trees within the site. It is the subject of Tree Preservation Order No.6 of 2004. The Chestnut is not prominent in the street scene but is partially visible behind the houses from various view points around the site and collectively with surrounding tree it contributes to the backdrop of vegetation in this attractive sylvan location.

### HISTORY

There is no history of works to trees at this location.

### PROPOSAL

The application seeks to undertake a crown reduction comprising the reduction in height by 8 metres and the reduction of laterals by 4 metres.

The work is required in response to neighbour's request following concerns that the tree is causing them a nuisance due to excessive leaf drop leading to blocked gutters and drains.

### CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Arboricultural Manager: No objection

The tree has become very large and is set 30 feet from house  
It is set in an exposed location and it is feared that it may fall on house  
Loss of light  
Excessive leaf fall  
Tree is diseased  
It is felt that tree requires more than a crown reduction

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Officer

Report not agreed. Details of further work required as follows:

Name: Position: Date:

Passed to admin to issue decision. Falls within the scheme of delegation (no requirement to pass to senior officer).

Name: Jo Daniels Position: Planning Technician Date: 2/1/18