

DELEGATED DECISION REPORT

APPLICATION NUMBER

161873

Long Acre, between Wye Street and Wilton Road, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire,

CASE OFFICER: Mr Andrew Cunningham

DATE OF SITE VISIT: 04.07.16.....

Relevant Development Plan Policies: National Planning Policy Framework – part 11.
Herefordshire Local Plan – policies LD1, LD3

Relevant Site History: N/a

CONSULTATIONS

	Consulted	No Response	No objection	Qualified Comment	Object
Parish Council	X	X			
Transportation					
Historic Buildings Officer					
Ecologist/Landscape Officer					
Environmental Health					
Environment Agency					
Forward Planning					
PROW					
Neighbour letter/ Site Notice					
Other					
Local Member	X	X			

PLANNING OFFICER'S APPRAISAL:

Site description and proposal: The site is an communal open space located adjacent to the river Wye in Ross-on-Wye.

The proposals are to fell a mature Silver Maple tree located within a grass open space area.

Representations: N/a

Pre-application discussion: N/a

Constraints: Conservation Area

Appraisal:The tree is a mature Silver Maple located within the open space. There are included unions to the main stem with excessive adaptive growth. There is also evidence of past major limb failure from one of these unions. The remaining stems are showing signs of additional movement (crack formation).

Silver maple as a species are well know to have inherent structural weaknesses in the form of weak unions. As this tree has lost a limb in the past and is showing signs of additional failure, it is considered reasonable to apply management to the tree.


A canopy reduction would mitigate the potential failure, as Silver maples are resilient to heavy pruning works. However, this will produce weaker secondary growth which could become a management issue in the future.

As the tree is located within a communal open space area with a moderate pedestrian target, I consider that it is appropriate on this occasion to remove the tree. I also consider that the stump should be ground out.

As this tree is significant in size, I consider that it would be appropriate to replant a replacement tree.

All tree work should be in accordance with BS3998:2010.

RECOMMENDATION: **PERMIT** ☒ **REFUSE** ☐

Signed:  Dated: 13.07.16.....

TEAM LEADER'S COMMENTS:

DECISION: **PERMIT** ☒ **REFUSE** ☐


Signed: Dated: 25/07/2016.....