

DELEGATED DECISION REPORT APPLICATION NUMBER 164141

River bank at Rope Walk and Long Acres, Ross-on-Wye,

CASE OFFICER: Mr Andrew Cunningham
DATE OF SITE VISIT: 19.01.17

Relevant Development National Planning Policy Framework – part 11. Plan Policies: 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			10		
Other			The same		
Local Member	X	X			

PLANNING OFFICER'S APPRAISAL:

<u>Site description and proposal</u>: the site is the river bank associated with Riverside Park located in the western region of Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

The proposals are to pollard, coppice and pleatch (layer) all willow/Alder trees located directly adjacent to the river.

Representations: N/a

Pre-application discussion: N/a

Constraints: Conservation Area, SSSI

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Appraisal: All trees along this stretch of river have been neglected over many years which has resulted in stem and branch failures to many of the trees.

The proposals are considered to be a pro-active approach to managing the trees along the riverbank. Pollarding, coppicing and pleatching/layering are all recognised arboricultural practices and should prolong the longevity of the trees as long as the management continues.

Its worth noting that the area is designated as a SSSI and therefore Natural England will have to be notified before any planned works commence.

As long as every interested parties have been consulted and all works are undertaken by a fully qualified and competent tree contractor and in accordance with guidance set out within BS3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations, I have no objections.

RECOMMENDATION:	PERMIT x	REFUSE	
Signed:		Dated: 31.01.17	
TEAM LEADER'S COM	MMENTS:		
DECISION:	PERMIT	REFUSE	
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Signed:		Dated: 6/2/17	