

Application Number: BH2010/03514 **Ward:** Withdean
Address: Curwen Place, London Road
Proposal: To fell 1 x Robinia pseudoacacia (Robinia)
covered by Tree Preservation Order (No 13) 1998
Officer: Di Morgan, tel. 01273 292929
Date Received: 9 November 2010
Applicant: Aspen Tree Care

1 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider the above application.

2 Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in paragraph 7 of this report and resolves to grant consent subject to the following conditions:

- The felling shall be carried out within two years under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.
- The said existing tree shall be replaced by a tree of a size and species and in a position to be agreed by the Local Planning Authority.
- The replacement tree shall be planted during the period November to March next, following the felling of the existing tree, and such planting shall be in all respects to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.
- If, within a period of two years from the date of the planting, the tree (or any other tree planted in replacement for it) is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, another tree of the same size and species shall be planted at the same place, or in accordance with any variation for which the Local Planning Authority gives its written consent.

3 Description of the Application Site

- 3.1 The over-mature tree the subject of this application is situated on a narrow grass verge on the northern boundary of Curwen Place.

4 Proposal

- 4.1 The applicant wishes to fell this tree as it is in decline, and leave the smaller Robinia to the east of the main tree.

5 Considerations

- 5.1 The tree the subject of this application is certainly over-mature and in decline. It is approximately 12 – 14 metres high with a crown spread of 5 – 9 metres.
- 5.2 The tree has excessive deadwood, a sparse canopy and stunted extension (new) growth, indicating that the tree will soon die.
- 5.3 Immediately adjacent to the specimen the subject of this application is another Robinia which will flourish if this specimen is felled.
- 5.3 It is highly visible from the public footpath and road.

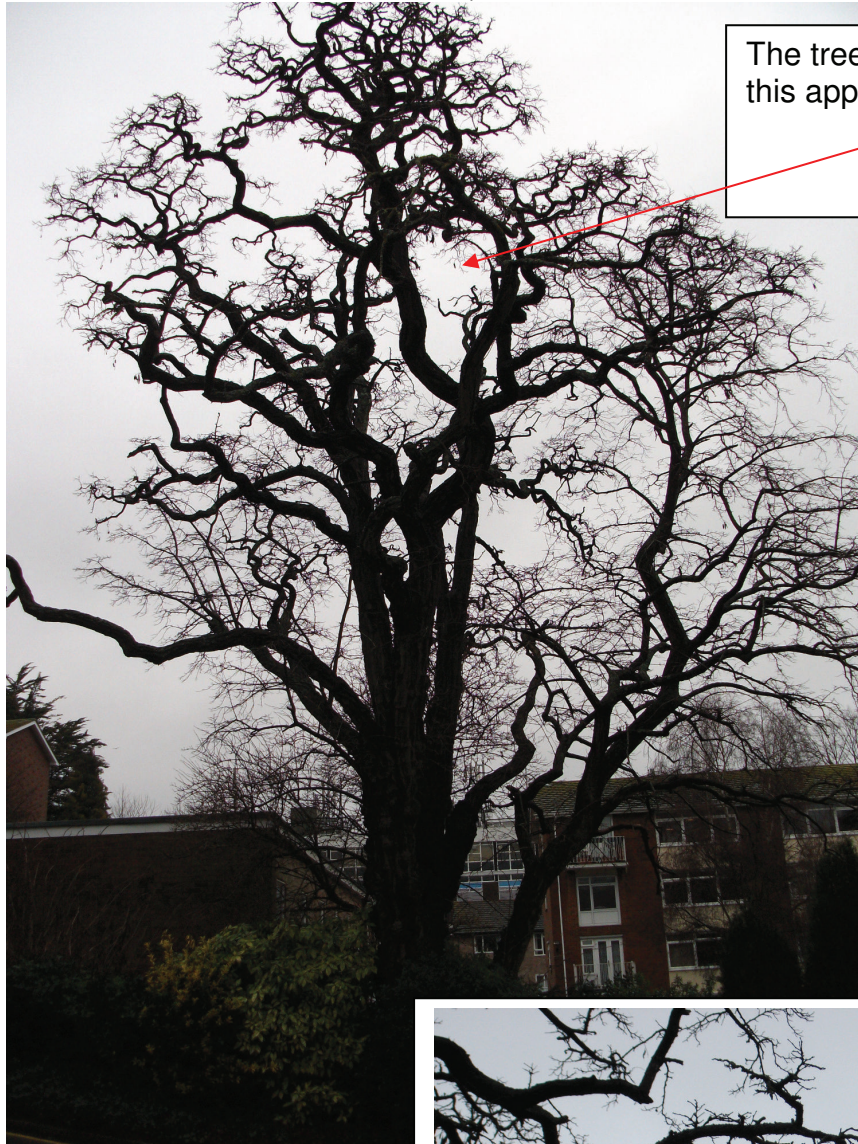
6 Relevant Planning History

- 6.1 None.

7 Conclusion

- 7.1 This tree is situated in a built-up area and is highly visible from the road and pavement. It has high public amenity value.
- 7.2 The tree is in an advanced state of decline and should be removed from site as soon as possible to eliminate the risk of it damaging person or property. A replacement tree can then be secured as a condition of the permission to fell.

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The tree the subject of this application.



Sparse canopy, poor extension growth, indicating this tree is in decline.

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