

Officer Report

9 May 2024

The tree has over 80% deadwood within the crown and main limbs are showing signs of decay.

The tree is in terminal decline with only a few branches showing leaves. It has a short safe useful life expectancy and needs to be felled to ground level on safety grounds.

Decision - Approval

Condition - a replacement tree shall be planted in the first planting season following the removal of the tree. It shall be planted in the same or as close as possible to the same location as the tree to be felled. The tree shall be a Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*) with a girth of 10 to 12 cm or other species as agreed in writing with the local planning authority prior to the planting of the tree.

Reason - To ensure that existing tree cover is retained at approximately the same level and to maintain the current amenity value provided by an established tree.