

TREE OFFICER REPORT

SITE: Doctor's Surgery, Back Lane, Market Bosworth.

DATE: 7.11.12

REQUESTED BY: Nick Cox

Response to the objections received to the TPO protecting T1 Black alder

Objections received are:

- 1: It is not an endangered tree.
- 2: It is covered by Ivy which is a parasite.
- 3: The condition of the tree is appalling.
- 4: The tree should be assessed by reference to its size, form, potential as an amenity and that a reasonable degree of public benefit would accrue.
5. That it is of low quality – Category C in terms of Trees and Development and should not be a constraint on development with reference to Appendix 1 Table BS5837.

Response:

- 1: A tree does not have to be endangered to merit protection by TPO.
- 2: Ivy is not a parasite. It only uses a tree for support and can be and in this case should be removed.
- 3: The applicant's own arboricultural assessment describes the tree as "of an age and condition as to make a reasonable contribution to the public visual amenity of the locality for 10 to 20 years". No pests, diseases or disorders have been identified.
- 4: A TEMPO assessment (Tree Evaluation Method for Tree Preservations Orders) takes these aspects into account. A TEMPO assessment scores 13 - TPO Defensible.
- 5: This refers to an out of date 2005 British Standard. The current standard - BS5837:2012 "Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction" makes no reference to Category C trees in this way.

It is considered important that a tree is retained in this position and that it is expedient in the interests of amenity. This unusual variety of Alder does have a significant impact on the local environment.

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