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LOCKS HEATH

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AGENT: FOREMAN HOMES LTD

REMOVE ONE BRANCH OF OAK TREE OVERHANGING PLOT 10 COVERED BY FTPO 607

MONTEREY DRIVE - LAND SOUTH OF - LOCKS HEATH FAREHAM HAMPSHIRE SO31 6NW

Report By

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Site Description

This application relates to a branch of one Oak tree, that tree itself standing in a block of Tree Preservation Order protected trees on a site adjacent to the north to a small housing development that is currently being built at the southern end of Monterey Drive, Locks Heath.

Description of Proposal

Removal of this branch which is overhanging one of this housing development site's almost completed houses.

Policies

The following policies apply to this application:

Fareham Borough Local Plan Review

DG4 - Site Characteristics

Relevant Planning History

The following planning history is relevant:

P/10/0390/FP - Erection of ten dwellings with vehicular access from Monterey Drive - Refused 13/09/10 - Allowed on appeal 17/02/11.

Representations

An email has been received from 37 Monterey Drive objecting on the following grounds:

- This objection will be ignored or rejected but my opinion must be known;
- The housing development should have been altered to accommodate this tree;
- Rather, Foreman Homes put up the house with a plan to get the branch removed to suit their desire to build the biggest house that they could get away with.
- The Monterey community were assured that the mature trees in the area would be unaffected. This is now not the case.
- Purchasers of houses have to accept that if they want to live in an environment with trees then they accept the way things are and the branch is a part of the natural environment. Encouraging people to believe in a green environment who then want to change it because a branch overhangs or the leaves fall on my garden is inexcusable.
- It is realised that the removal of the branch may not cause any long term impact to the tree, but continual abeyance to developers at the expense of the environment and to the community has to stop.

Consultations

Director of Planning and Environment (Arboriculture) - Subject to conditions and information items, no objection. The proposed tree works will have no adverse impact on the health of the oak or its contribution to local public amenity.

Planning Considerations - Key Issues

These works are proposed to one branch of an Oak tree, that branch overhanging the approved housing development. Its removal has been assessed by the Council's Principal Tree Officer as not having an adverse impact on the health of this oak or this tree's contribution to local public amenity. Officers consider this branch's removal to be acceptable.

Recommendation

CONSENT: Works undertaken within 2 years; Works in accordance with BS3998 : 2010; The works hereby permitted are as detailed.

Notes for Information

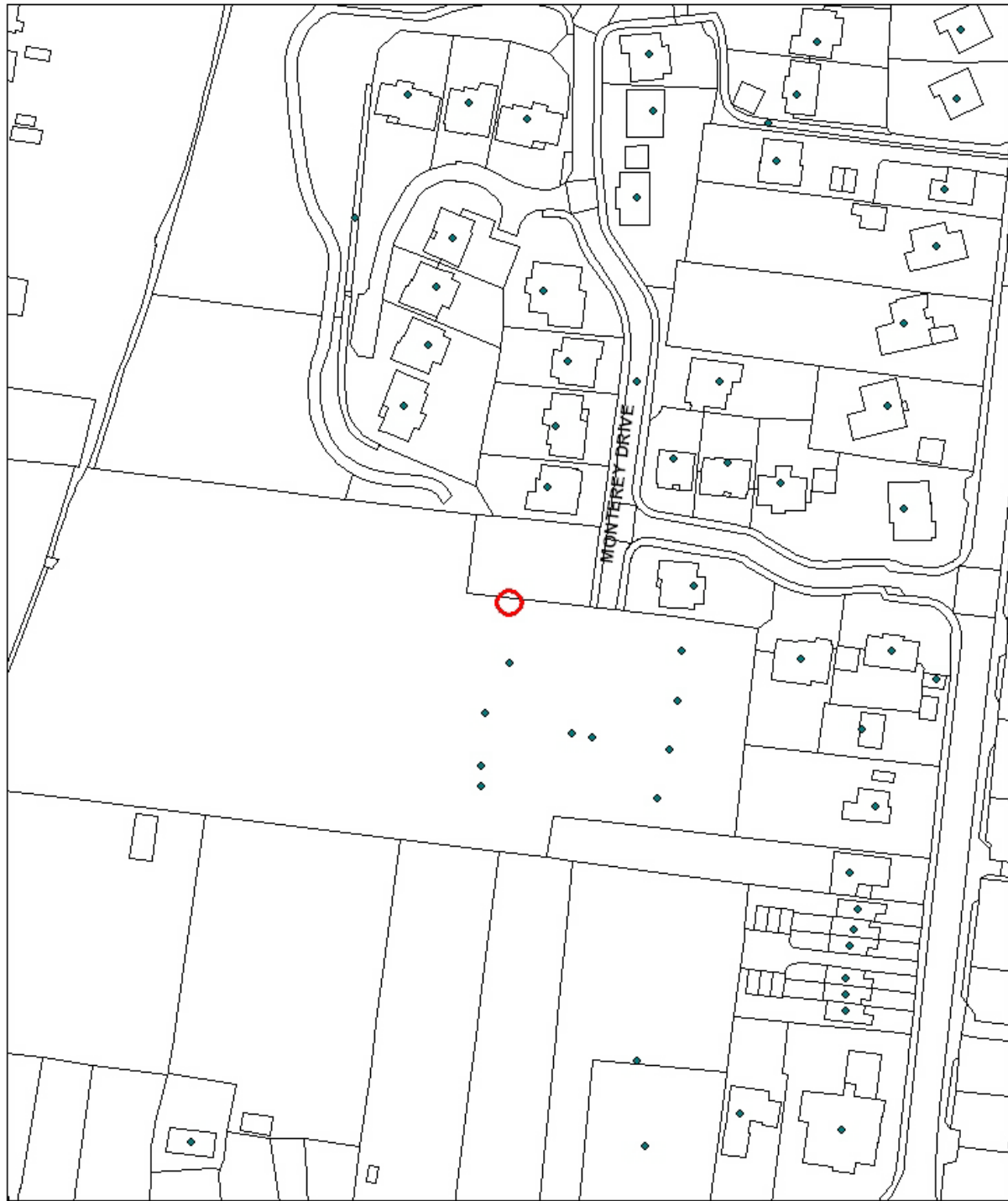
Notice of tree work; Trees - consent to those entitled under ownership; Wildlife and Trees.

Background Papers

File P/10/0390/FP and P/12/0993/TO

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