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TITCHFIELD

MRS WENDY VECK

AGENT: MR ANDREW HARRIS

(A) THIN TERTIARY BRANCHES LESS THAN 50MM IN DIAMETER BY 10% AND REDUCE OVER EXTENDED BRANCHES TO THE NORTH BY 3M ON ONE LONDON PLANE; (B) FELL ONE CEDAR TREE; TREES PROTECTED BY FTPO 515.

36 CATISFIELD ROAD - THE BRIARS - FAREHAM PO15 5LP

Report By

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Site Description

This application relates to two trees situated within communal gardens north of Catisfield Road and east of Chatsworth Close.

Description of Proposal

Consent is sought for the following works to two trees protected by TPO515:

A) One London Plane - crown thin by 10% with pruning cuts not exceeding 50mm in diameter and reduce one over extended branch to the north of the crown by 3 metres to suitable growth point;

B) One cedar (deodar) - fell to ground level.

The applicant advises the works to the London Plane would allow greater light and air penetration through the crown and to the property.

Consent is sought to fell the cedar tree as it is alleged to be unbalanced and suppressed and its removal will enable improved nutrient supply to the London Plane.

Policies

The following policies apply to this application:

Fareham Borough Local Plan Review

DG4 - Site Characteristics

Representations

Seven representations have been received objecting to the works on the following grounds:

- 1) There is no clear evidence that the tree is diseased;
- 2) The trees are not dangerous nor are they damaging the property;
- 3) The trees contribute strongly to the amenity value of the area;
- 4) The works may weaken the remaining tree;
- 5) The trees provide a habitat for wildlife;
- 6) Permission of the works may set a precedent for future works which are deemed unnecessary.

Planning Considerations - Key Issues

This application relates to two trees situated within the communal gardens of 'The Briars', a development north of Catisfield Road and east of Chatsworth Close.

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Tree preservation orders seek to protect trees in the interest of public amenity, therefore it follows that the removal of a protected tree should only be sanctioned where its public amenity value is outweighed by other considerations. In this instance it is concluded that the reasons given for felling the Cedar (Deodar) are not sufficient to demonstrate that this tree should be removed on arboricultural grounds.

The proposed works to the London Plane are limited to minor crown thinning and shortening of one specific branch to the north of the tree by several metres. This pruning will not be harmful to the health and visual appearance of the tree and therefore can be supported on arboricultural grounds. There are no arboricultural grounds for refusing the remedial works to the London Plane.

Recommendation

CONSENT:

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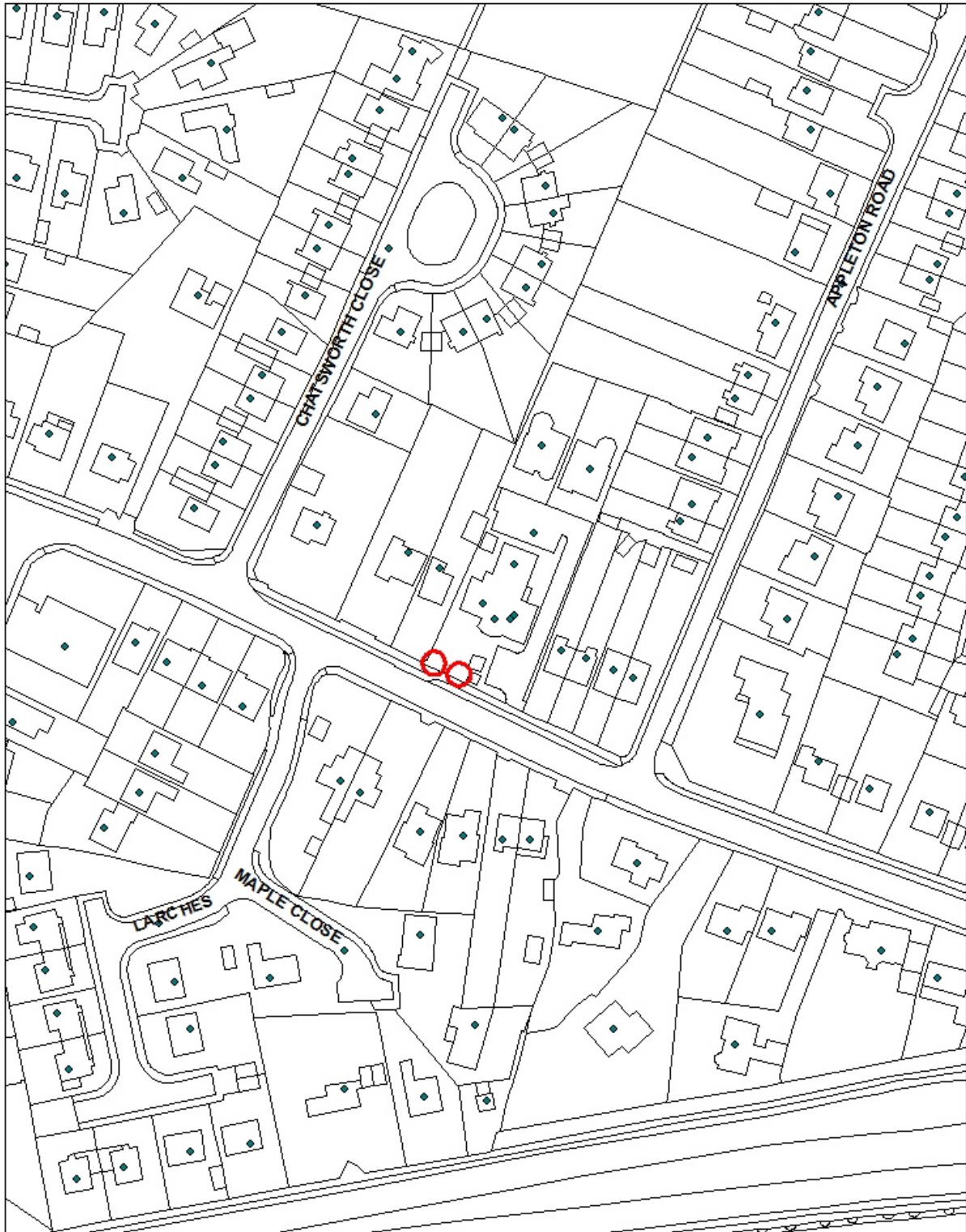
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Notes for Information

Notice of work commencement; Right to carry out work over property other than applicant's own; Terms as BS3998 and work in accordance with recent arboricultural research; Care to wildlife and bat protection.

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The Briars
36 Catisfield Road
Scale 1:1,250



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