

Planning Committee

Wednesday the 16th February 2022 at 7.00pm



Update Report for the Committee

The following notes and attached papers will be referred to at the meeting and will provide updated information to the Committee to reflect changes in circumstances and officer advice since the reports on the agenda were prepared

3. Requests for Deferral/Withdrawal

None

4. Schedule of Applications

(a) 21/01970/AS - 15 Hillcrest Close, Kennington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 9QT -
Proposed 2 storey rear and front extensions

No updates

(b) 21/02093/AS - 23 to 34 Little Chequers, Wye, Ashford, Kent, TN25 5DZ -
Proposed Installation of External Wall Insulation With Brick-Effect Finish.

No updates

(c) 21/02094/AS - 21 to 34 Newtown Green, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0PE -
Reconfiguration of Entrance Doorways for Disabled Access and Replacement of External Tile Hanging With Cladding.

No updates

(d) 21/00253/TP - Repton Manor, Repton Avenue, Ashford - T1 Copper Beech -
Dismantle/Fell due to proof of subsidence to nearby building. Treat remaining stump with Eco Plug Max stump treatment. Replant with up to 3no. replacement trees a suitable distance away from building.

As at 8.14am 15/022022, 151 people had signed the Change.org petition to save the tree.

7. TPO/21/00007 - Garage area to the rear of 17 and 18 Glebe Close, Smarden - Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 7, 2021

A further seven support comments have been received for the Confirmation of TPO/21/00007. The reasons for support include:

- Protect the tree for the future;

- Biodiversity and ecosystem benefits;
- Age and beauty of the tree;
- Field boundary specimen;
- Should not be removed for development.

In addition, a site visit by the Tree Officer on 10/02/2022 showed that a small live branch has been removed from the tree with a clean cut. Photo 1 shows the extent of the limb removed, which was less than 2cm in diameter. The owner advises that no works were instructed to the tree and it is likely that trespassers or children have removed the branch. Concerns have also been expressed by residents as the ground flora may have been damaged and this includes Bluebells and Solomon's Seal - both of which woodland indicator species.



Photo 1. Note the clean cut to the branch.

The site visit found evidence of emerging Bluebells which are shown in Photo 2 below.



Photo 2. Emerging Bluebells.