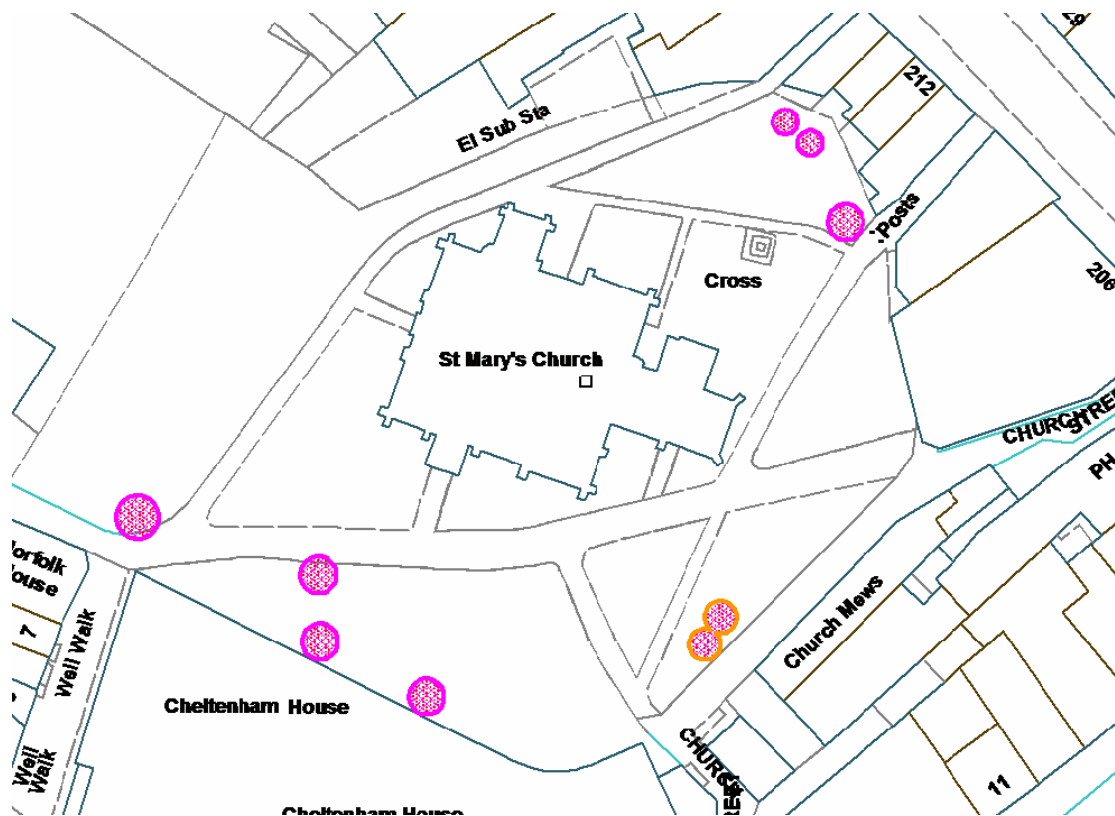


APPLICATION NO: 13/02049/CACN	OFFICER: Miss Lindsey Mulraine
DATE REGISTERED: 12th December 2013	DATE OF EXPIRY: 23rd January 2014
WARD: Lansdown	PARISH:
APPLICANT:	Cheltenham Borough Council
AGENT:	Ms Jessica Jones
LOCATION:	Grounds, St Mary's Church, Well Walk
PROPOSAL:	Felling of 3 trees and works to 7 trees within grounds of St Mary's Church, see 'Tree Work Schedule' submitted with notification for full information. NB: Further works also taking place following routine Health and Safety inspections by the Tree Section, these works do not require a formal notification but details of these works have also been included for information, see additional information for further details

RECOMMENDATION: Permit



1. DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND PROPOSAL

- 1.1 This conservation area notification is for the felling of 1 Horse chestnut, 1 Lime and 1 Lawson cypress and for various works to 7 other trees, within the grounds of St Mary's Churchyard.

2. CONSTRAINTS AND RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

Constraints:

Ancient Monument
Conservation Area
Core Commercial Area
Listed Buildings Grade 1
Public Right of Way
Residents Associations
Central Shopping Area
Smoke Control Order

3. POLICIES AND GUIDANCE

GE5 - The council will resist the unnecessary felling of trees on private land and will make Tree Preservation Orders when appropriate.

4. CONSULTATIONS

Cheltenham Tree Group
18th December 2013
Agree.

5. PUBLICITY AND REPRESENTATIONS

Number of letters sent	None
Total comments received	0
Number of objections	0
Number of supporting	0
General comment	0

- 5.1 No letters were sent out but 4 site notices were erected at each of the entrances to the church yard.

- 5.2 **Comments Received** No comments received

6. OFFICER COMMENTS

6.1 Determining Issues

This conservation area notification has been brought before Planning Committee as Cheltenham Borough Council is the applicant. All the works within the notification have been discussed and agreed with the Tree Section and are also being carried out in conjunction with health and safety works following recent inspections by the Tree Section (information attached to notification as Addition Information).

6.2 The site and its context

The churchyard is owned by the Church of England, however, Cheltenham Borough Council has responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard under the provisions of the Burials Act 1853. It has been some time since the churchyard has had an injection of revenue spent on it and as such has become overgrown in certain areas, which has in turn lead to anti-social behaviour.

This application for tree works is being made as part of the overall regeneration and improvement of St Mary's Churchyard. Some of the works is required to increase light levels in various areas in order to increase feelings of safety and visual appearance. Along with tree works, some shrub removal/maintenance will also be taking place to help with the light levels and personal security.

6.3 Other considerations

There are other areas in which the regeneration is taking place alongside the tree work, some of these are; bulb planting, art work and repaving. For more details and information on the overall improvements please contact Howard Barber, Public Space Designer, who will be able to help.

Some of the funding for this project is being obtained from the Civic Pride Reserve but there will also be a top up required from a grant.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Taking into consideration the benefits of the overall improvements to St Mary's churchyard, the Trees Officer recommends members do not object to this conservation area notification.

8. CONDITIONS / INFORMATIVES

There are none.