

From:

Sent: 22 March 2023 22:43

To: Sam Reader <Sam.Reader@cheltenham.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: 23/00133/CACN - 66 Copt Elm Road

Hi Sam,

Further to my previous tree application (ref above) and your visit last week we have now reconsidered our options and will take on board your wish for a staged application - however we do still wish to fell the sycamores and one conifer in phase one. Our reasoning for this is:

1) we wish to place a feature tree (cedar) in the corner and feel the removal of the trees nearest to the corner will improve the light and allow more space for a corner tree to flourish.

2) the three trees to be felled are of a poor quality. One sycamore is practically dead, the other is mishapen and frequently loses large branches both into our garden and onto the street. The conifer is also of a very poor quality and nearing the end of its life.

3) retaining (for the time being) the two adjacent conifers which are evergreen will maintain the screening for ourselves and our neighbours across Lyefield Road.

I hope you will consider our amended application favourably in due course.

Your colleague mentioned about a contractor who would be able to move our existing cedar tree. If you can pass on details we would be very grateful.

Kind regards

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Mar 2023, at 11:55, Sam Reader  
<Sam.Reader@cheltenham.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Vanessa

This email is sufficient to withdraw the application.  
Many thanks for that.

I think it might be best if we meet again to discuss  
how to proceed. We need to balance  
your needs as a homeowner with the concerns of the Ward  
Councillors who wish to  
represent the wider interests of the Conservation Area.  
Can I pop over on Weds 15th or  
Thurs 16th at some point? Or the following week if  
thats better for you.

Kind regards  
Sam

Sam Reader  
Assistant Trees Officer

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with a half day on Friday.

From:  
Sent: 28 February 2023 22:30  
To: Sam Reader <Sam.Reader@cheltenham.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: 23/00133/CACN - 66 Copt Elm Road

Hi Sam

Please can you tell me how to withdraw the application.

I will submit an amended version.

We would like to plant a feature tree in the corner and so would still like to remove the sycamores (one is virtually dead and the larger one has many dead limbs) and the cypress that is closest to allow more light for a new corner tree to grow properly, but we will retain the other two conifers with reduced height. Hopefully this will be acceptable.

Kind regards

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On 24 Feb 2023, at 13:47, Sam Reader <Sam.Reader@cheltenham.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Vanessa

Nothing from neighbours so far. You can check by going to the Public Access section of our website and searching for the application ref (23/00133/CACN).

Have a think and let me know how you want to proceed.

All the best  
Sam

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From: >

Sent: 24 February 2023 13:29

To: Sam Reader <Sam.Reader@cheltenham.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: 23/00133/CACN - 66 Copt Elm Road

Thanks Sam.

We will consider over the weekend. Have any of the neighbours expressed any views?  
Kind regards

Vanessa

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On 24 Feb 2023, at 11:51, Sam Reader <Sam.Reader@cheltenham.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi

A withdrawal would take the decision to TPO the trees away from Planning Committee at this point, Im not minded to protect the cypresses by TPO and Im not convinced its the right thing to do for the sycamores either. A withdrawal would mean you would need to submit another application if you wanted to do any tree works though. If you do submit another application, Id suggest its less extensive.

One concern of the councillors is that the application is a precursor to wholesale removal of trees and

subsequent development of the garden. A less extensive application for tree works might allay those fears.

Kind regards

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From: > Sent: 24 February 2023 11:12  
To: Sam Reader <Sam.Reader@cheltenham.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: 23/00133/CACN - 66 Copt Elm Road

Thanks Sam. If we withdrew the application could the councillors still put a TPO on the trees?

We are considering the best way forward for everyone.

Thanks

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On 24 Feb 2023, at 09:16, Sam Reader  
<Sam.Reader@cheltenham.gov.uk>  
wrote:

Dear

Two ward councillors have requested that your application be brought to the next meeting of the Planning Committee. They wish to see a TPO being made on the trees to stop them being felled. If the application is taken to Committee, I will be asked to make a recommendation, and you will have a chance to speak, but the final decision will be made by members (i.e. ward councillors on the Committee).

With this in mind, it may be wise to withdraw the application or alter it to e.g. remove only the cypresses and retain the sycamores, perhaps with a crown reduction and removal of deadwood of those retained trees.

Let me know your thoughts.

Kind regards

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