

# **Planning & Environment COMMITTEE A G E N D A**

**For a Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
at 7.30pm  
at Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road,  
South Woodham Ferrers**

**Membership:  
Councillor M O Brien Chairman  
Councillor S Wilson Vice-Chairman**

Councillor M Sismey  
Councillor P Ferry  
Councillor A Shearring

Councillor P Price  
Councillor J Birch  
Councillor I Roberts

Councillor A John  
Councillor D Thompson

***Local residents are welcome to attend this meeting. At the meeting, your elected Councillors will take decisions affecting YOU, the Community, and the Town. At the beginning of the meeting there is an opportunity for you to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda. The public may participate for up to 15 minutes for this purpose. If you have any queries, please telephone the Town Clerk on 01245 321 817. Please join us.***

**Karen Atkins  
Town Clerk  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



**1. Apologies if Absence**

To RECEIVE apologies for absence.

**2. Dispensation considerations**

To consider any dispensations, as required. Standing Order 12. Dispensation requests shall be in writing and submitted to the Town Clerk as soon as possible before the meeting, or failing that, at the start of the meeting for which the dispensation is required.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Any Member declaring an interest is asked to state whether this is a pecuniary registerable or non-registerable interest. Clarification, if required, can be sought prior to the meeting with the Chairman or the Town Clerk.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes**

To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025 as a true record.

**5. Public Questions**

In accordance with Standing Order 3.e to allow up to 15 minutes for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business covered by the Committees terms of reference. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Committee; Members with pecuniary interests will also not be permitted to speak, address the Committee on those interests and must leave the meeting when the item in relation to their interest is being discussed.

**6. Budgetary Position**

The budgetary position on 24/09/2025 is attached to the agenda.

**7. Previous Planning Decisions and Appeals**

To note the City Council planning decisions which differ from the Town Council recommendations will be circulated prior to the meeting.

**8. Planning Applications**

To consider and agree comments on the planning applications as detailed on the list circulated and displayed on the Town Council noticeboards and website.

**9. Items to Note**

- 25/05143/TPO at 23 Reynolds Gate Officer Report and Decision Notice attached to agenda detailing agreement with South Woodham Ferrers Town Council comment and agreed with the agent a lesser reduction of 1.5-2m back to previous pruning points.
- Variation Order on Tree Preservation Order No. TPO/2003/013, see attached.
- A 'letters to Heaven' Post Box is now located at the Garden of Remembrance.
- The two bridges at the Fen have been replaced and are now in use.
- The tree works at the entrance to the Fen and the pollard of an oak tree has been completed on 23/9/2025. This was agreed at the P&E meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at a cost of £1,050.00.
- Fen Report attached to agenda.
- The Town Council received a thank you from Mrs Julie Fosh DL for organising a lovely 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary rededication event. An award from the High Sheriff of Essex has been placed on the wall in the upstairs foyer of Champions Manor Hall.
- The confirmation from McCarthy Stone that they will not be proceeding with the planning application at Baron Road car park.
- A response has been received from Councillor Rose Moore regarding matters raised at the Planning & Environment meeting on 24 June 2025. Further information and supporting documents from Parks and Leisure Services (relating to Open Space, Frankland Fields LNR, and sports provision including girls' football) will be circulated to the Town Council in due course.

**10. Consultation on Updated Statement of Community Involvement**

Chelmsford City Council has published its updated Statement of Community Involvement for consultation. The consultation runs for four weeks until **4.00pm on Thursday 9 October 2025.**

Committee to consider information attached to agenda.

**11. Woodland Trust Trees**

Further to minute ref PE-25-266 Committee to agree the arrangements for carrying out the planting and confirm how the project will be delivered and completed.

To **NOTE** the Woodland Trust will deliver the free trees between 4-14th of November 2025. Meadow Croft have agreed storage at Grange wholesale nursery.

**12. The Garden of Remembrance Project**

Committee to consider a future project to use of the land at the top of the Garden of Remembrance as a pet scattering copse. Report circulated separately prior to meeting.

**13. Forward Plan and Projects 2025/26**

- Committee to consider future projects for the Planning & Environment Committee to be recommended to Finance & Projects Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- Committee to discuss updating the forward plan to be recommended to Council on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025. Note this is a fluid document to be reviewed every 6 months.

**14. Essex Coast RAMS Workshop**

Councillor Shearring to update on his recent attendance at the workshop on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2025.

**15. Vandalism of Public Property**

Committee to discuss recent incidents of vandalism to public property within the town and consider appropriate actions or preventative measures.

Update from Councillor Wilson and report from Town Clerk.

**16. Report to Council**

To agree items for report to the next Council meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

**17. Media Coverage**

To consider whether any items on this Agenda warrant a Media release, and, if so, to agree a Councillor to comment if applicable.

**18. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee will be on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm.

**Any member who is unable to attend the meeting should send their apologies and reason to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.**

## Detailed Income &amp; Expenditure by Budget Heading 24/09/2025

Month No: 6

## Cost Centre Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
<b>300 Environment General</b>						
4325 Litter & Vegetation Control	694	3,500	2,806		2,806	19.8%
4328 Tree Works	1,965	8,000	6,035		6,035	24.6%
4505 Open Spaces Maintenance	2,079	2,500	421		421	83.2%
4506 Open Spaces Maint. (John Cox)	5,270	13,000	7,730		7,730	40.5%
4700 Street Furniture & Signage	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0%
4705 Hanging Baskets	12,394	13,000	607		607	95.3%
4710 Roundabout Sponsorship	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
4715 Road Safety	0	1,800	1,800		1,800	0.0%
4720 Fenn Maintenance	7,162	10,000	2,838		2,838	71.6%
Environment General :- Indirect Expenditure	<b>29,564</b>	<b>57,800</b>	<b>28,236</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,236</b>	<b>51.1%</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>(29,564)</b>	<b>(57,800)</b>	<b>(28,236)</b>			
<b>310 Garden of Remembrance</b>						
1300 Garden of Remembrance Income	12,772	14,300	1,528			89.3%
Garden of Remembrance :- Income	<b>12,772</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>1,528</b>			<b>89.3%</b>
4010 Water	63	150	87		87	41.7%
4760 GoR Supplies	3,271	5,000	1,729		1,729	65.4%
4765 GoR Maintenance	1,924	6,000	4,076		4,076	32.1%
4770 GoR Security	0	5,200	5,200		5,200	0.0%
Garden of Remembrance :- Indirect Expenditure	<b>5,257</b>	<b>16,350</b>	<b>11,093</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,093</b>	<b>32.2%</b>
<b>Net Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>7,514</b>	<b>(2,050)</b>	<b>(9,564)</b>			
Grand Totals:- Income	<b>12,772</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>1,528</b>			<b>89.3%</b>
Expenditure	<b>34,821</b>	<b>74,150</b>	<b>39,329</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39,329</b>	<b>47.0%</b>
<b>Net Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>(22,050)</b>	<b>(59,850)</b>	<b>(37,801)</b>			
<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	<b>(22,050)</b>	<b>(59,850)</b>	<b>(37,800)</b>			

## **Planning Differences for Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### **25/05159/TPO 40 The Spinnaker**

T11 - Oak - front garden - Crown reduction up to 3m and cut weak, dead and crossing branches, leaving a natural shape - Reason: Branches are touching the roof, affecting natural light and will soon cause damage. Squirrels have also gained entry to roof space. Low branches hanging into the road, roots of the tree are also pushing up the pavement creating a trip hazard.

SWFTC Minute: PE-25-282

"The Planning and Environment Committee feels 3m maybe excessive."

Chelmsford City Council: Split Decision

*See attached Officer Report and Decision Notice from Chelmsford City Council.*



**DECISION MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

<b>Application No</b>	:	25/05159/TPO Works to trees subject to a TPO
<b>Location</b>	:	40 The Spinnaker South Woodham Ferrers Chelmsford Essex CM3 5GL
<b>Proposal</b>	:	<b>T11 - Oak - front garden - Crown reduction up to 3m and cut weak, dead and crossing branches, leaving a natural shape - Reason: Branches are touching the roof, affecting natural light and will soon cause damage. Squirrels have also gained entry to roof space. Low branches hanging into the road, roots of the tree are also pushing up the pavement creating a trip hazard.</b>
<b>TPO Reference</b>	:	TPO/2003/018
<b>Applicant</b>	:	Mrs Christie Lim
<b>Agent</b>	:	
<b>Date Valid</b>	:	4th August 2025
<b>Development Type</b>	:	Works to trees subject to a TPO (T01)
<b>Drawing No(s)</b>	:	Site plan; Photos;
<b>Target Date</b>	:	28th September 2025
<b>Consult Expiry</b>	:	28th August 2025

**Site description**

- Situated off The Spinnaker
- Detached dwelling
- Within South Woodham Ferrers Urban Area

**Officer's report**

The tree is a mature lapsed pollard specimen within the front garden of the dwelling. The tree is clearly visible from public vantage points and forms a prominent specimen within the area. The tree contributes a high level of visual amenity value and adds a leafy character, juxtaposing the built urban environment in which it is situated.

A number of features were noted during the site visit that indicated stress, this included multiple species of gall, powdery mildew and browning and wilting of leaves. New growth noted to the apical aspects of the crown were sparse and stunted.

The tree has recently been reduced by ways of 2.5 m crown reduction and removal of weak, dead and crossing branches, with works last approved in 2022 under application 22/05144/TPO. The tree appears to continue to recover from the previous works and requires further time to recuperate energy levels. Prior to this an application for a 1.5 m crown reduction and 10% thin was approved in 2016 (reference 16/05244/TPO).

The application seeks to reduce the crown 3 m, this would reduce the tree past the previously established pruning framework and create large wounding. The large wounding would increase the likelihood of the ingress of pests and pathogens leaving the tree vulnerable and susceptible especially given the tree has depleted energy levels as it continues to recover from the previous pruning operation. The reduction

proposed would also remove a large amount of photosynthetic material, which would stress the tree (which it is already displaying signs of). The works would not only harm the tree but would also impact the amenity value the tree offers to the area.

The application also includes the cutting of weak, dead and crossing branches. This generally forms good arboricultural practice and was recently allowed under 22/05144/TPO as such it is not anticipated there would be many weak or crossing branches and the removal of dead branches from a living tree forms an exception and does not need the permission of the Council. For clarity a split decision is recommended to allow the cutting of the weak, dead and crossing branches with a 3 m crown reduction recommended for refusal.

It was noted on site that there was sufficient clearance between the canopy and the dwelling so as to not cause abrasions. The reasons provided with regards to light would also not comply with GT9 of the Council's Tree Management Policy dated October 2021, which states that the Council will normally refuse unnecessary works merely proposed, including: loss of sunlight. Squirrels had also been noted as a reason for works however this would not justify the excessive pruning works proposed to the entire crown and other mitigatory works should be explored to allow the tree time to recover. It would be expected that oak trees are cut on a cycle of approximately 6 - 7 years, to allow recuperation and recovery.

The Town Council had also expressed a concern for the application and believe that the 3 m crown reduction is excessive.

For the reasons given above and having regard to all other relevant matters, the cutting of weak, dead and crossing branches is acceptable, however the 3 m crown reduction of T11 is excessive and should be refused.

## **Consultations**

South Woodham Ferrers Town Council – Feel 3 m is excessive

## **CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE**

28th August 2025

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**The Application be PART APPROVED for: T11 Oak – Cutting of weak, dead or crossing branches.**

### **Condition 1**

The tree surgery hereby permitted shall be carried out within two years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required under the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012.

### **Condition 2**

The tree surgery shall be undertaken in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To promote good arboricultural practice and safeguard the existing trees.

**The Application be PART REFUSED for: T11 oak – 3 m crown reduction.**

### **Reason 1**

T11 is a mature lapsed pollard specimen. The tree displayed signs of stress with a large percentage of leaf browning and wilting, multiple galls were visible: marble, knopper and spangle galls as well as powdery

mildew. The tree was recently approved for a 2.5 m crown reduction (reference 22/05144/TPO) from which the tree and its energy levels continue to recover from. The proposed works would reduce the tree past its previous pruning framework and would cause excessive wounding, increasing the tree's vulnerability to the ingress of pests and pathogens. The large loss of photosynthetic material would shock and stress the tree. The works form a disproportionate response the reasons proposed: Concerns raised regarding light obstruction do not align with GT9 of the Council's Tree Management Policy (October 2021). The tree maintains adequate clearance from the dwelling, eliminating the risk of abrasions, and issues related to squirrels can be reasonably mitigated through guards or roof space modifications (blocking loft access). The branches currently provide sufficient clearance above the pavement, and while root incursion has been previously noted, the proposed reduction is unlikely to address this due to the tree's proximity to the affected area.

### **Notes to Applicant**

- 1      WARNING: You run the risk of being prosecuted if you do not adhere to the approved specification when carrying out work on the protected trees. The person carrying out the approved work must have a copy of the decision notice with them.
- 2      Tree surgery is a skilled operation and it is recommended that you consider seeking the services of a competent tree surgeon before carrying out the works. The Arboricultural Association holds a directory of competent tree surgeons which is available on their website: <https://www.trees.org.uk>
- 3      Before operations, the person undertaking the work to the tree(s) must ensure that it does not contain any bat roosts or nesting birds. The bats can be found in the tree cavities and cracks within the dense ivy or epicormic growth. This is because it is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; the Habitat Regulations 2017 and the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW) to intentionally or recklessly kill, damage or disturb bats and their roosts, or intentionally take, damage or destroy the eggs or nest of any wild bird while in use or being built. Further information is available on the Bat Conservation Trust website at [www.bats.org.uk](http://www.bats.org.uk).

### **Background Papers**

Case File

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012****Applicant:**

Mrs Christie Lim  
40 The Spinnaker  
South Woodham Ferrers  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM3 5GL

**PERMISSION TO CARRY OUT WORK TO PRESERVED TREE(S)**

LOCATION: **40 The Spinnaker South Woodham Ferrers Chelmsford Essex CM3 5GL**  
PROPOSAL : **T11 - Oak - front garden - Crown reduction up to 3m and cut weak, dead and crossing branches, leaving a natural shape - Reason: Branches are touching the roof, affecting natural light and will soon cause damage. Squirrels have also gained entry to roof space. Low branches hanging into the road, roots of the tree are also pushing up the pavement creating a trip hazard.**

TPO REF: **TPO/2003/018**  
APPLICATION NO: **25/05159/TPO**  
DATE RECEIVED: **4th August 2025**  
DRAWING NO(s): **Site plan; Photos;**

The Council has given consideration to the application specified above, and hereby gives notice of its decision for:

**PART APPROVAL for:****Condition 1**

The tree surgery hereby permitted shall be carried out within two years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required under the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012.

**Condition 2**

The tree surgery shall be undertaken in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To promote good arboricultural practice and safeguard the existing trees.

**PART REFUSAL for:**

T11 is a mature lapsed pollard specimen. The tree displayed signs of stress with a large percentage of leaf browning and wilting, multiple galls were visible: marble, knopper and spangle galls as well as powdery mildew. The tree was recently approved for a 2.5 m crown reduction (reference 22/05144/TPO) from which the tree and its energy levels continue to recover from. The proposed works would reduce the tree past its

previous pruning framework and would cause excessive wounding, increasing the tree's vulnerability to the ingress of pests and pathogens. The large loss of photosynthetic material would shock and stress the tree. The works form a disproportionate response the reasons proposed: Concerns raised regarding light obstruction do not align with GT9 of the Council's Tree Management Policy (October 2021). The tree maintains adequate clearance from the dwelling, eliminating the risk of abrasions, and issues related to squirrels can be reasonably mitigated through guards or roof space modifications (blocking loft access). The branches currently provide sufficient clearance above the pavement, and while root incursion has been previously noted, the proposed reduction is unlikely to address this due to the tree's proximity to the affected area.

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Date: 16 September 2025

Signed:

*Keith Holmes*

KEITH HOLMES

Planning Development Services Manager

**IMPORTANT - YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE NOTES ATTACHED**

## **Notes**

- 1) Any person who has suffered damage or has incurred expenditure in consequence of a refusal of consent, or of any grant of consent subject to conditions or (in certain instances) of a direction for replanting a woodland area may claim compensation. Compensation is not payable in respect of any trees which are the subject of a certificate by the Chelmsford City Council when giving a decision upon an application; particulars of any such certificate are incorporated in this notice of decision.
- 2) If the applicant is aggrieved
  - i. by the decision of the authority to refuse to consent or to grant consent subject to conditions;
  - ii. by any certificate or directions given by the authority in pursuance of the provisions of the Tree Preservation Order;

He / she may by notice in writing served within 28 days of the receipt of this notice, appeal to:

Environment Appeals  
Room 3A Eagle Wing  
Temple Quay House  
2 The Square  
Temple Quay  
Bristol  
BS1 6PN  
Email: [treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

in accordance with Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

Planning Applications To Be Considered at Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

25/01206/FUL	6	Clevis Drive	Rear infill extension and alterations	MS
25/01216/FUL	6	Ormesby Chine	Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension. New air conditioning unit.	MOB
25/01125/FUL	82	Hullbridge Road	Retrospective permission of 4no Air Conditioning Units installed to the face of the building	SW
25/01226/FUL	38	Bickerton Point	Single storey rear extension with pitched roof	DT

`Please note that we are not the Planning Authority for these details please sign up for application alerts in your area from Chelmsford City Council.



## **VARIATION ORDER**

### **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO TPO/2003/013**

This Order was varied by the Chelmsford City Council on the 22 August 2025 by a Variation Order under reference number TPO/2003/013 a copy of which is attached.

The reason(s) for the variation is:

Following the permitted removal of the tree(s), the TPO has been modified to show the correct number and species of tree(s) within the order.

Signed on behalf of the Chelmsford City Council

*Keith Holmes*

**KEITH HOLMES**

Planning Development Services Manager

Authorised by the Council to sign in that behalf

Dated 22 August 2025

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**THE PROPOSED CHELMSFORD**  
**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER TPO/2003/013**

**TREES SPECIFIED INDIVIDUALLY**  
(ENCIRCLED IN BLACK ON THE MAP)

**TREES SPECIFIED BY REFERENCE TO AN AREA**  
(WITHIN A DOTTED BLACK LINE ON THE MAP)

**GROUPS OF TREES**  
(WITHIN A BROKEN BLACK LINE ON THE MAP)

**WOODLANDS**  
(WITHIN A CONTINUOUS BLACK LINE ON THE MAP)



**DECISION MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

<b>Application No</b>	:	25/05143/TPO Works to trees subject to a TPO
<b>Location</b>	:	23 Reynolds Gate South Woodham Ferrers Chelmsford Essex CM3 5FA
<b>Proposal</b>	:	<b>T1 - Oak - Reduce crown by up to 1.5 - 2m back to previous pruning points, remove deadwood &gt;50mm diameter - Reason - To maintain the size. Removal of deadwood for safety.</b>
<b>TPO Reference</b>	:	TPO/1983/036
<b>Applicant</b>	:	Nigel Monk
<b>Agent</b>	:	Mr Freddie Baldry
<b>Date Valid</b>	:	15th July 2025
<b>Development Type</b>	:	Works to trees subject to a TPO (T01)
<b>Drawing No(s)</b>	:	Site Location Plan (aerial photo);
<b>Target Date</b>	:	8th September 2025
<b>Consult Expiry</b>	:	27th August 2025

**Site description**

- Situated off Reynolds Gate
- Detached dwelling
- Within South Woodham Ferrers Urban Area

**Officer's report**

The tree is a mature and impressive specimen that can be seen from Reynolds gate with almost 360° views from public vantage points (with cycle path (73)) that lines the southern boundary to the rear of the dwelling. The tree provides the urban area a high level of visual amenity value and softening the surrounding built form.

The tree is a mature specimen that displays signs good physiological condition. The canopy is dense and vigorous with epicormic growth noted on the primary limbs throughout the canopy. There were signs of what appeared to be oak marble gall wasp (*Andricus kollari*), within galls would be larvae that feed on the host however, they however cause minimal damage and would not be anticipated to cause unacceptable harm to the tree.

The tree has been managed previously by ways of 1.5 – 2.5 m crown reduction at 3 – 6 year intervals last approved in 2022. The application originally sought a 2.5 m crown reduction and the removal of deadwood > 50 mm. To be clear the removal of deadwood forms an exception of works that require notification of consent and as such can be undertaken. The tree, when compared to the application images from 2022, had not produced as much new growth and when viewed on site a 2.5 m reduction would have reduced the tree

past previous pruning points. It was recommended, in line with 2022, 2015 and 2011 applications that the works did not exceed 2 m (1.5 - 2 m) which was agreed.

The tree has begun to encroach over the southwestern corner of the extension with the outer growth of the northeastern aspect of the crown beginning to abrade the guttering of the property.

The works proposed would reduce the tree back to its previously established pruning framework. The works will mitigate abrasions against the dwelling and would improve the relationship between the tree and the built surroundings.

The Parish Council had also commented on the original proposal of 2.5 m crown reduction noting they would prefer to see a 2 m reduction. The Council also agreed with this and had agreed with the agent a lesser reduction of 1.5 – 2 m back to previous pruning points.

For the reasons given above and having regard to all other relevant matters, the proposed work is acceptable.

### **Consultations**

South Woodham Ferrers Town Council – Would prefer to see a 2 m reduction as previously undertaken.

### **CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE**

27th August 2025

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**The Application be APPROVED subject to the following conditions:-**

#### **Condition 1**

The tree surgery hereby permitted shall be carried out within two years from the date of this permission.

Reason: As required under the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012.

#### **Condition 2**

The tree surgery shall be undertaken in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations.

Reason: To promote good arboricultural practice and safeguard the existing trees.

### **Notes to Applicant**

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### **Background Papers**

Case File

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012****Agent:**

Mr Freddie Baldry  
Hermanns  
Burnham Road  
Althorne  
CM3 6DP

**Applicant:**

Nigel Monk  
23 Reynolds Gate  
South Woodham Ferrers  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM3 5FA

**PERMISSION TO CARRY OUT WORK TO PRESERVED TREE(S)**

LOCATION: **23 Reynolds Gate South Woodham Ferrers Chelmsford Essex CM3 5FA**  
PROPOSAL : **T1 - Oak - Reduce crown by up to 1.5 - 2m back to previous pruning points, remove deadwood >50mm diameter - Reason - To maintain the size. Removal of deadwood for safety.**  
TPO REF: **TPO/1983/036**  
APPLICATION NO: **25/05143/TPO**  
DATE RECEIVED: **15th July 2025**  
DRAWING NO(s): **Site Location Plan (aerial photo);**

The Council has given consideration to the application specified above, and hereby gives notice of its decision to **GRANT** consent subject to compliance with the following:-

**Condition 1**

The tree surgery hereby permitted shall be carried out within two years from the date of this permission.  
Reason: As required under the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012.

**Condition 2**

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- 1 **WARNING:** You run the risk of being prosecuted if you do not adhere to the approved specification when carrying out work on the protected trees. The person carrying out the approved work must have a copy of the decision notice with them.
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- 3 Before operations, the person undertaking the work to the tree(s) must ensure that it does not contain any bat roosts or nesting birds. The bats can be found in the tree cavities and cracks within the dense ivy or epicormic growth. This is because it is an offence under the Wildlife and

Countryside Act 1981; the Habitat Regulations 2017 and the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW) to intentionally or recklessly kill, damage or disturb bats and their roosts, or intentionally take, damage or destroy the eggs or nest of any wild bird while in use or being built. Further information is available on the Bat Conservation Trust website at [www.bats.org.uk](http://www.bats.org.uk).

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Date: 29 August 2025

Signed:

*Keith Holmes*

**KEITH HOLMES**

Planning Development Services Manager

**IMPORTANT - YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE NOTES ATTACHED**

## **Notes**

- 1) Any person who has suffered damage or has incurred expenditure in consequence of a refusal of consent, or of any grant of consent subject to conditions or (in certain instances) of a direction for replanting a woodland area may claim compensation. Compensation is not payable in respect of any trees which are the subject of a certificate by the Chelmsford City Council when giving a decision upon an application; particulars of any such certificate are incorporated in this notice of decision.
- 2) If the applicant is aggrieved
  - i. by the decision of the authority to refuse to consent or to grant consent subject to conditions;
  - ii. by any certificate or directions given by the authority in pursuance of the provisions of the Tree Preservation Order;

He / she may by notice in writing served within 28 days of the receipt of this notice, appeal to:

Environment Appeals  
Room 3A Eagle Wing  
Temple Quay House  
2 The Square  
Temple Quay  
Bristol  
BS1 6PN  
Email: [treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

in accordance with Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

# Garden of Remembrance



The Letters to heaven post box has been installed and a new plaque for the new plaque commemorating the 30th anniversary of the gardens was also unveiled.





# Fen Report

## 1. New Bridges both completed

We have notified Essex Highways of the completion of the works.



## **2. Fence and posts removed**

Fencing was removed other than a small section of posts which had grown into the bushes and would require the bushes to be damaged in order to remove them.

## **3. Tree works carried out**

Tree works have been carried out to the Fen in order to remove any dead trees by the entrance area and cutting back of one of the big Oaks.

## **4. Charles III footpath**

Essex Highways are due to start works on the footpath 23 to improve the surface. New signs are likely to be installed next spring.

## **5. Annual Hay Cut**

The Annual hay cut has been completed over the Fen on 22/9/2025.

Nothing to report from Essex Wildlife.

## **McCarthy Stone**

Response to inbound media enquiry re South Woodham Ferrers

18<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### **A spokesperson for McCarthy Stone said:**

“Regrettably we have decided not to continue with consideration of a new retirement community at Baron Road in South Woodham Ferrers. A combination of factors in an increasingly challenging housing market mean it is no longer financially viable for us to proceed with taking this scheme to the planning application stage.

Nonetheless we continue to look for suitable sites in the area and hope to come forward with a proposal at an alternative location in the future.

In the meantime, we would like to thank all those locally who engaged with us during the public consultation in the summer.”

ENDS