

ENVIRONMENT TEAM – PLANNING CONSULTATIONS



PLANNING REFERENCE: PA/2014/1314

GROUP: TREES AND LANDSCAPE

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**SUBJECT: Planning permission for a new pavilion, football pitch and multi-sport
hard court areas**
PARISH: Epworth

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SUMMARY OF ADVICE

- **Holding Objection** (when the advice is that more info is needed)

The application does not adequately consider the TPO Lombardy Poplar trees that will be seriously affected by this proposal with several earmarked for removal. The applicant needs to submit a full arboricultural report to BS5837 standard to give the root protection areas and from this information reposition the various structures accordingly to allow for retention of these trees.

TREES AND LANDSCAPE GROUP FUNCTION:

The Group provides advice to all upon tree and landscape matters. Its remit ranges widely taking in strategic and practical policy development for trees and landscape to the day to day management of the council's highway trees and the making of tree preservation orders. Advice on trees and development is given in accordance with the council's adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance "Trees and Development".

DETAILED ADVICE:

The line of Lombardy poplar trees that this application affects **are protected by a Tree Preservation Order** as they are considered to be significant within the landscape. They therefore need to be properly considered prior to any decision being made on this application, which at present they are not.

The design and access statement does not adequately consider the trees and a full arboricultural report written by a suitably qualified arborist and to BS5837 needs to be submitted with indication of the root protection areas required around these trees. This information would then be used in deciding the position of pavilion and other structures such that they are outside these areas, so that the trees can be retained, adequately protected and will not be unduly stressed by the works around them.

Unless the applicant is able to adequately consider these trees and make adjustments to the application to take account of their presence and required root protection areas, then the planning authority should consider the refusal of the application due to the loss of major trees protected by a TPO.