

# **CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION**

## **ASSESSMENT SHEET**

**APPLICATION NO: CA/26/0040: The Yellow Door The Street Thakeham**

**REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:**

No representations have been received in respect of this notification.

**ASSESSMENT:**

The trees subject to this notification comprise three trees located within the rear garden of The Yellow Door the Street Thakeham.

The first two trees, a Yew and a conifer, are positioned within close proximity to and are growing into the canopy of a mature Ash. Their continued growth has the potential to adversely affect the structure, form, and long-term health of the Ash through competition for light, growing space, and resources within the relatively modest sized rear garden of the property.

The third tree, a Crab Apple, as shown in the submitted photographs, is dead and therefore no longer provides any arboricultural or amenity value. Its retention is not sustainable or appropriate on safety or management grounds.

Due to their rear garden location, the built form of the dwelling and enclosed nature of the of the rear garden, and the absence of any public visibility, none of the trees make a meaningful contribution to public amenity or the wider character of the area. Their removal would therefore have no perceptible impact on the public realm or wider Conservation Area.

In addition, it is noted that the proposed removal of the Yew and conifer would likely be beneficial in safeguarding the health and future retention of the mature Ash tree, which represents the most significant arboricultural feature at the property.

It is also noted that the property owner has indicated a willingness to undertake replacement planting, such as new fruit trees, if required. Such planting is welcome and would maintain tree cover within the garden whilst allowing for more appropriate species selection and improved long-term management.

Considering the lack of public visibility of the subject trees, the dead condition of the Crab Apple, the limited arboricultural value of the remaining trees, and the clear benefit to the adjacent Ash, the proposed works are considered justified. Whereby, their removal of the trees would not result in unacceptable harm to public amenity or the character of the area.

Accordingly, it is not considered necessary or appropriate to make a Tree Preservation Order to prevent the works being completed as proposed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No objection to notification.

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Authorising Officer sign.....ANBU.....**Arboricultural Officer (Strategic Planning)**

Date.....13 May 26.....