

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: LY/1/18/TC

Location: 'Foxgloves' 250 Church Lane, Lyminster

Description of works: Fell 1No. Crab Apple tree within the Lyminster Conservation Area

Reasons Given: Tree is in poor condition and with declining structural integrity

Comments on Application:

Crab apple	<i>Malus sp.</i>	Height: 4.5m	Average Spread: 1.5m	Age: Mature
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- Grows just inside front garden boundary wall and is highly visible to passing road users. Typical component of a working cottage garden.
- Multiple open cavities at crown-break and on main limbs. Crown has been heavily modified in the past. Majority of fine twig tracery is dead - an absence of new shoots suggests very poor physiological condition.
- The applicant's proposal to introduce a replacement tree of similar species is welcomed.

Conclusions:

- This tree is clearly in an advanced stage of terminal decline and becoming structurally unsound.
- Despite its prominent roadside position - being of relatively small stature it has made only a small contribution to the character of the surrounding area and there is sufficient tree cover locally to adequately compensate for its removal.

Recommendations:

- I raise **No Objection** to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a TPO in this instance.

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