

**Development Control Committee**  
**8<sup>th</sup> March 2005**

Report by Arboriculturalist/Landscape Officer

**MARKET DEEPING AND DEEPING ST JAMES,  
 THE PARK TPO 1971 – NO. 36.**

Property Services have submitted an application seeking permission to fell one Lime tree, located 5 metres away from 12 Kesteven Close, Deeping St James.

Arboricultural Consultants acting on behalf of Cunningham Lindsey, have identified roots from this tree as being the main cause of subsidence damage to the house. Live roots have been found beneath the foundations in the area of damage.

This tree has been substantially reduced in the past, in an attempt to restrict its size, as a result of previous subsidence at this property during 1996. Decay is apparent in old pruning wounds making the tree structurally weak and liable to failure.

The tree has little amenity value because of previous pruning regimes. Now would be an appropriate time to remove this tree and plant a replacement, with a low water demand, further away from the house.

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999 the application was publicised for 21 days.

No representations have been received. Deeping St James Town Council have been consulted and their comments are awaited.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That authority be given to fell 1 Lime tree to avoid the District Council being involved in legal action.
2. A replacement tree, with a low water demand, be planted.

**R W Edwards**  
**Development Control Services Manager**

RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS OF THIS REPORT			
	SIGNIFICANT	MINOR	NONE
COUNCIL STRATEGIES		*	
COUNCIL POLICIES		*	
T & C PLANNING	*		