

ELSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 17th May 2017

19 Planning Applications for consideration

**19.1. S/1513/17/LB Mr & Mrs Millet, Commissioned by Burgess Windows Group
38, Boxworth Road, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4JQ**

Replacement front door and door frame

**19.2 S/3548/16/FL Mr & Mrs Philip & Clara Sleightholme & Davies
21 Brook Street, Elsworth, Cambridge, CB23 4HX**

Two storey rear extension and internal alternations. Single storey conservatory and detached garage following demolition of existing rear extensions

Revised Garage design

**19.3 S/1483/17/LD B Moore
Constellation Mobile Home Park, The Drift, Elsworth, Cambridge CB23 4JP**

Lawful development certificate for a proposed use of land within the existing caravan site boundaries for the siting of static caravans without restriction on the layout of the land or the number of caravans up to a maximum of 8 caravan units on the site at any one time

**19.4. S/1503/17/TC
Askew 7A, Church Lane, Elsworth, CB23 4HU**

Application to fell and remove the non native Eucalyptus tree shown on attached sketch plan. This tree is around 15 metres high, trunk circumference 1.03m, trunk diameter 0.4m and the main trunk is split at a height of 2.2m in two. The tree is very exposed to wind, as we are on a high point in Elsworth, and has been rocking. Eucalyptus have very shallow roots so we fear its falling over at some point. The tree is very tall and could collapse on to neighbouring 9 Church Lane land including their new summer house. While just likely not to hit our house, obviously falling over may pose threat to people using either garden. The Eucalyptus has no wildlife or amenity value and no nesting for birds, bats etc has ever been seen over 20 years, and bug life avoids it because of its hard timber. Immediately behind the Eucalyptus is the neighbour's Leylandi hedge and there is competition for water in the earth which may again be weakening the Eucalyptus and, as we suspect, forcing the Eucalyptus roots to send out towards our house foundations and services (approx. 25 metres from house to Eucalyptus, so rather less than that to reach the underground services). Pruning the Eucalyptus now seems relatively dangerous given its height and would result in stunted trunks we are told with still no wildlife or amenity value. We propose to replace the Eucalyptus with a native Hornbeam tree chosen because it is native, better for wildlife, more amenity value, deciduous but retaining some winter dead leaves for bugs, more stable and secure rooting, and not affected by any of the known tree diseases

19.5 S/1642/17/TC Eleanor Bray 41, Brook Street Elsworth Cambridge CB23 4HX

Remove 6 Thuja trees forming a 1.5m hedge. Trees have grown too large for the position & will shade planned extension. Trees are also not in keeping with the surroundings.

Please note this has been sent to the Parish Council for information only. Permission will be granted as the trees are part of an hedge at a domestic property.