

Online Comment

Application H18-1242-25
Location Sutton Bridge Memorial Park Sutton Bridge Spalding PE12 9SD
Proposal Construction of new MUGA playzone for football basketball and netball with associated fencing and lighting

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For/Against Comments

The large oak tree on the edge of the existing carpark is the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

It is already likely to be suffering from the effect of the existing car park covering a large proportion of its roots ; remember seeing at least one plan which had a shrub/grass area immediately under the tree, rather than car parking spaces to help prevent such an effect. The car parking spaces cause compaction of soil over the roots, much reduced permeability to water and the ability of gaseous exchange to occur by the roots. which can cause root dieback and corresponding dying back of the crown.

The current proposal shows a drain run to be constructed within the Root Protection Area of the tree. This will cause extensive root damage, which when combined with the effect of the tarmac over the roots, could be seriously detrimental to the wellbeing of the tree.

The drain run(s) should be diverted so as not to cross the roots of the tree. It is likely that the tree may benefit from access to a limited amount of extra water, such as a soakaway outside of the actual Root Protection Area, as oaks are high water demand trees.