

<b>Reference Number:</b>	PRE/0429/17
<b>Proposal:</b>	Mountain bike track along edge of recreation ground.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Abington Recreation Ground, opposite Three Tuns, High Street, Great Abington, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB21 6AE
<b>Case Officer:</b>	Rebecca Ward

### Trees & Hedgerows - Comments made: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

**Summary:** I have no arboricultural or hedgerow objections to this type of proposal.

**Existing trees:** The site is within the Conservation Area and some of the trees are given greater protection by TPO 0001 (1961).

An 'Arboricultural Report For Pre-application' (dated January 2018) has been included with the information. Overall this report gives appropriate and reasonable advice and shows the proposal can be fitted in with the trees, provided care is taken.

Some trees will have to be removed to facilitate the proposal.

**Existing hedgerows:** n/a

**Proposed tree notes:** As a number of trees are to be removed it would be reasonable for a small amount of tree planting to be undertaken. This could be species and numbers chosen to compliment the adjacent church yard along with at least one future landmark tree (something unusual and ultimately a large stature tree).

**Proposed hedgerow notes:** Although not a hedgerow, it has been suggested a band of planting should be planted to the south of the track to provide screening. This is reasonable and the species selected should provide forage and habitat for wildlife and seasonal interest for humans.

This is a fairly small scheme and a detailed landscape plan (including species, planting density/numbers and size of planting material) could be submitted with the application.

Miriam Hill,  
Trees Officer