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## **DELEGATED DECISION**

## **REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



**FEBRUARY 2014**

## **LICENCE TO FELL TREES – FORMER EASINGTON COUNCIL OFFICES, SEASIDE LANE, EASINGTON**

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### **Report of Regeneration and Economic Development Stuart Timmiss - Head of Spatial Policy, Planning, Assets and Environment**

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#### **Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To obtain authority to grant a Licence to Persimmon Homes for the removal of trees in the area edged red on the attached plan.

#### **Background**

- 2 A conditional exchange of contracts took place on 14 January 2014 with respect to a sale of the above site to Persimmon Homes
- 3 Completion is subject to planning permission and the application was submitted on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
- 4 Development of the site will involve the removal of a number of trees and the developers have requested permission to carry out some works now in order to avoid the nesting season. This will allow the developers to make an immediate start on site once planning permission is granted and the sale is complete.

#### **Details of any alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision**

- 5 If the tree felling does not take place outside of the nesting season, and awaits completion of the sale, this will delay the development start date and it is considered appropriate to assist the developer in facilitating a start on site immediately upon completion.

#### **Recommendations and reasons**

- 6 It is recommended that authority is obtained to grant a temporary Licence to the developer to allow them to remove the trees.

**Decision**

6 Proceed to grant a Licence for tree removal to Persimmon Homes

**Background papers**

7. Plan

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance - NONE**

**Staffing - NONE**

**Risk - NONE**

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - NONE**

**Accommodation - NONE**

**Crime and Disorder - NONE**

**Human Rights - NONE**

**Consultation – Councillors Angela Surtees, David Boyes and Neil Foster have been notified by email dated 4 February 2013. The Senior Tree Officer has also been consulted and raised no objections**

**Procurement – NONE**

**Disability Issues - NONE**

**Legal Implications - NONE**