APPENDIX A

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2010

Present: Councillor Lusty (Chairman) and Councillors Ash, Bradshaw, Chittenden, English, Greer, Harwood, Mrs Marshall, Moriarty, Nelson-Gracie, Paine, Paterson and J.A. Wilson Also Present: Councillors Marshall, Naghi and Sams

353. TA/0195/09 - APPLICATION TO FELL ONE BEECH TREE AND TREAT ONE STUMP SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 2 OF 1997 - LAND ADJACENT WAYSIDE, ASHFORD ROAD, HARRIETSHAM

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Development and Community Strategy.

Councillor Morris of Harrietsham Parish Council (against) and Mr Nottage, the applicant, addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED:

1. That if the applicant had not appealed on the grounds of nondetermination, the Council would have granted consent subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the report with the amendment of conditions C195 and C200 as follows:-

C195 (amended)

A proportion of the cordwood above 20cm in diameter shall be retained and stacked safely for the colonisation of saproxylic fungi.

Reason: In the interests of nature conservation enhancement.

C200 (amended)

One replacement Beech tree (Fagus sylvatica), of not less than Nursery Heavy Standard size (12-14cm girth, 3.6-4.25m height), conforming to the specifications of BS 3936 Part I "Nursery Stock", shall be planted during the tree planting season (October to February) following substantial completion of the felling hereby permitted, and be maintained thereafter to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of amenity and good arboricultural practice.

2. That no evidence be offered to the hearing by the Council on the above basis.