

**PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

11th February 2013

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (NO.15) – Trees on land at The Sugarbrook,
Charford Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 3NJ**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Kit Taylor
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Head of Planning and Regeneration
Ward(s) Affected	Charford
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	No
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

The Committee is asked to consider the confirmation of Tree Preservation Order (No.15) 2012 relating to trees on land at The Sugarbrook, Charford Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 3NJ

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Tree Preservation Order (No.15) 2012 relating to trees on land at The Sugarbrook, Charford Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B60 3NJ is confirmed with modification.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications relating to the confirmation of the TPO.

Legal Implications

3.3 Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999 covers this procedure.

Service / Operational Implications

3.4 The TPO was made to protect trees as they contribute significantly to the amenity of the area.

An enquiry was raised regarding the trees and the Tree Officer conducted a site visit and considered the trees worthy of protection having regard to their amenity value and the risk that they may be mis-managed and damaged if not protected.

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On the 18th September 2012 a provisional Tree Preservation Order was made in relation to trees on land at The Sugarbrook, Charford Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 3NJ

It will remain in force until the 20th March 2013.

Notification of the Order was given to all persons in the surrounding area and to all those who could be affected by the making of the TPO.

One objection has been received in respect of the TPO from Architects instructed on behalf of KFC

Appendix 1.

The objection was to the extent of the Provisional Tree Preservation Order as an Area Order.

1. The inclusion of trees on the Southern and Western boundaries none of which are considered to be of sufficient arboricultural quality or significant visual/amenity benefit to justify being protected.
2. It is already intended that a number of the poorer tree stock on site will be replaced with new tree stock under the landscape proposal of the development.
3. Measures would be taken to ensure the health and safety of the Red Oak Trees is not adversely affected by the development and protected during the works.

The Senior Tree Officer responds as follows (copy of Tree Officer Report attached at **Appendix 2**):-

1. In view of the Tree Preservation Order having been raised and the Tree Officers objection to the removal of the two Red Oak Trees, the company intended to change the proposal to retaining the two Red Oak Trees initially earmarked for removal.
 2. The Tree Officer is happy to recommend a modification of this Order to just include the group of six Red Oak Trees on the boundary with Charford Road.
- 3.5 Policy Implications- None
HR Implications- None
Council Objective 4- Environment, Priority C04 Planning
- 3.6 Climate Change / Carbon/ Biodiversity - The Proposal in relation to confirming the TPO can only be seen as a positive impact on the environment.

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Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 The customers have been provided with the relevant notification and the responses received are attached in the appendices. The customers will receive notification by post of the decision of the committee.
- 3.8 Equalities and Diversity implications- None

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

There are no significant risks associated with the details included in this report.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Objection letter dated 15th October 2012

Appendix 2 - Tree Officer Response dated 20th December 2012

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

7. KEY

TPO - Tree Preservation Order

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