

PLANNING COMMITTEE

3rd August 2015

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (NO.2)2015 – Trees on land at 7-21 College Road, Bromsgrove

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Kit Taylor
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Head of Planning Services and Housing
Ward(s) Affected	Bromsgrove Central
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	No
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to consider the confirmation with modification of Tree Preservation Order (No.2) 2015 relating to trees on land at 7-21 College Road Bromsgrove B60 2NF

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Tree Preservation Order (No.2) 2015 relating to trees on land at 7-21 College Road, Bromsgrove 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 provisionally made on the 4th March 2015 to protect the tree from being felled. Concerns were raised to a possible intention to the felling of trees in view of proposed works being undertaken in the area . The tree covered offers a high level of visual amenity to the area (copy of Tree Officer Report attached at **Appendix 1**).

The provisional TPO will remain in force until the 4th September 2015. 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.

Two objections have been received in respect of the TPO from a resident.

Appendix 2 (attached)

The objection comprises of the following:-

- (1) Access difficulties to the property resulting in the proposed driveway at the front of the property
- (2) Damage caused by bird droppings and leaves

The Tree Officer responds as follows:-

- (1) The existing parking area at the rear of the property is wider than the proposed new frontage access
- (2) There are no known instances where falling leaves have caused damage to parked vehicles. Bird droppings can cause minor damage to the paintwork on cars but only in circumstances where the car has been left in place for several months without attention.

Appendix 3 (attached)

The objection comprises of the following

- (1) Effect of the Tree Preservation Order on an approved planning permission
- (2) Extent of the area covered by the Tree Preservation Order
- (3) Restriction to general upkeep of the trees without approval
- (4) Request for identification of individual trees rather than a 'blanket' Order

The Tree Officer responds as follows:-

- (1) Proposed works under the approved planning permission are not affected
- (2) Some areas already covered under previous Tree Preservation Orders
- (3) Required to ensure that the works are necessary and carried out correctly to maintain the trees in a healthy and safe condition

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- (4) It is standard practice to carry out individual assessments whilst the temporary Order is in place and therefore for expediency a 'blanket' Order is made when there is a danger of felling
- 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.

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

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

5. APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Tree Officer Report dated 22nd July 2015
- Appendix 2 – Objections via letter dated 10th April 2015
- Appendix 3 – Objections via letter dated 14th April 2015
- Appendix 4 – Representation via letter dated 18th March 2015
- Appendix 5&6 – Letters of support
- Appendix 7 – Tree Amenity Assessment
- Appendix 8 – Amended Plan
- Appendix 9 – Amended Schedule

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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7. **KEY**

TPO - Tree Preservation Order

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