

# Appendix (3)

## Gavin Boyes - Arboricultural Team

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**Sent:** 06 April 2021 12:45  
**To:** [REDACTED] Gavin Boyes - Arboricultural Team  
**Subject:** New TPO for Redditch Road, Alvechurch  
**Attachments:** Comments on a new Tree Preservation Order on land by 28 Redditch Road Alvechurch.pdf

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Dear Gavin,

Please find attached a letter of objection/clarification in connection with a Tree Preservation Order served on trees on land adjoining 28 Redditch Road, Alvechurch, in March 2021. We have until Friday 9th April to make representations. Note that we are not objecting to the making of an order on this site per se, but request clarification on various issues. Due to the limited timescale, we recognise that it may not be practical to enter in to correspondence before the closing date, and it may be necessary to attend any committee meeting arranged to consider issues, in order to make representations.

We await your further correspondence. The Comments are also being sent in hard copy.

Sincerely,

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**DATE: April 2021**



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**ADDRESS:**

**Comments on a new Tree Preservation Order on land by  
28 Redditch Road, Alvechurch  
For Mr. Matthew Smith**

**AUTHOR: MARK CHESTER**



## Site

**Brief:** A Tree Preservation Order has been placed on seven individual trees on land by 28 Redditch Road, Alvechurch. Aspects of the Order are unclear. We do not wish to object formally per se to the protection of trees on this site. However, clarity is needed on the following points:

1. Seven trees have been identified for inclusion, with a grid reference used for each, and a position shown on a site plan. In the absence of the grid reference on the site plan, it is unclear which the seven are. The group of five are part of a group of eight trees. In addition, the one to the rear of 28 Redditch Road, to the west, is one of three trees.
2. It is unclear why these seven trees were included in the Order, in preference to others.
3. There is no amenity assessment of the trees, to demonstrate how their inclusion has been merited. Some of the trees have extensive dead wood, and with the site being privately owned, it is unclear how an officer would have obtained access to the inner part of the site to assess any of the seven trees. The TEMPO assessment is applied to tree T7, by 28 Redditch Road, and also to trees T2-6, which are within the site. The assessment indicates that the trees may not merit inclusion in the Order. Details are below.

# TEMPO ASSESSMENT

Condition assessment:	Suitability	Score	Score T7	Score T2-6
Good	Highly suitable	5		
Fair/satisfactory	Suitable	3	3	3
Poor	Unlikely to be suitable	1		
Dead/dying/dangerous	Unsuitable	0		
			3	3
Retention span (years)				
100+	Highly suitable	5		
40-100	Very suitable	4		
20-40	Suitable	2	2	2
10-20	Just suitable	1		
Fewer than 10	Unsuitable	0		
Total			5	5
Public visibility (Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use)				
Very large tree with some visibility or prominent large tree	Highly suitable	5		
Large or medium trees clearly visible to the public	Very Suitable	4		
Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only	Suitable	3	3	
Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty	Barely suitable	2		2
Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size	Probably unsuitable.	1		
Total			8	7

At this stage, a tree must have accrued 7 or more points, with no zero scores, for the process to continue.

Other factors			
Principal components of formal arboricultural features, or veteran trees.	5		
Tree groups, or principal members of groups important for their cohesion	4		
Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance	3		
Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual.	2		
Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features, including those of indifferent form.	1	1	1
Total		9	8

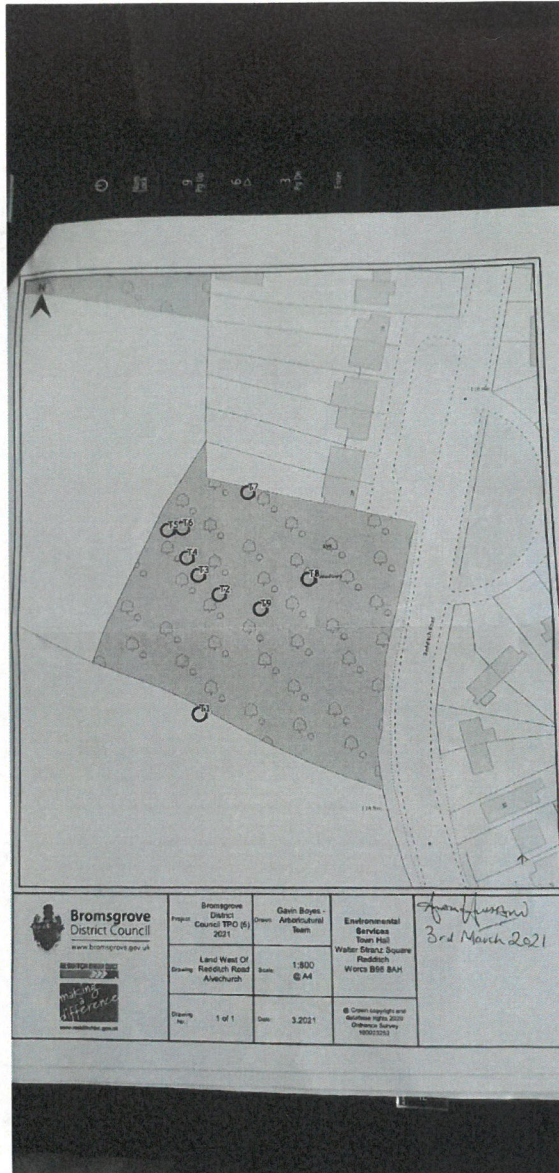
**Part 2: Expediency assessment. A tree must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify.**

Immediate threat to tree.	5		
Foreseeable threat to tree	3		
Perceived threat to tree	2	2	
Precautionary only	1		1
Total		11	9

**Part 3: Decision Guide**

Definitely merits TPO	16+		
TPO is defensible	12-15		
Does not merit TPO	7-11	11	9
TPO indefensible	1-6		
Do not apply TPO	0		





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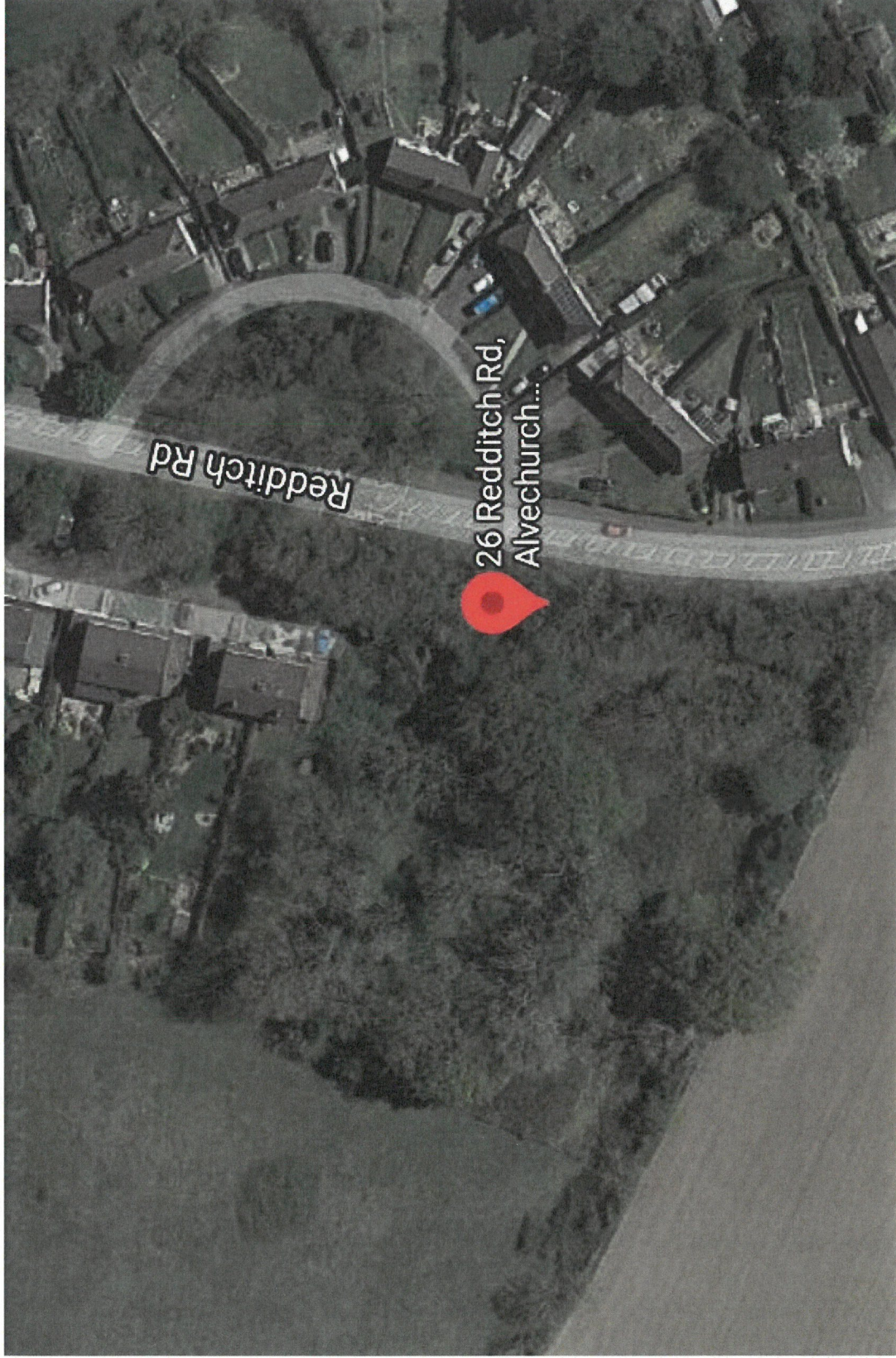
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TITLE: Site Plan





**Reference:** Photographs



**IMAGE 1 (above):** This view is within Mr. Smith's rear garden, looking west. The Ash tree T7 is one of these three. It is unclear which one.

**IMAGE 2 (below):** Looking at these trees face on, the southerly view.







**IMAGE 3 (above):** Tree T7 viewed from within the woodland area. Clarification on which is T7 is sought.

**IMAGE 4 (below):** Trees within the group T2-6. Clarification of which are included is sought.







IMAGE 5 (above): A tree in the vicinity of T8?

IMAGE 6 (below): Two of these trees are T5 & T6. It is unclear which ones are included.



END OF REPORT