

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director Partnerships, Planning and Policy	Development Control Committee	22 June 2010

OBJECTION TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO.4 (WHITTLE-LE-WOODS) 2010

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- The purpose of this report is to decide whether or not to confirm the above Tree Preservation Order (TPO) with or without modification in light of the objection received

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That Tree Preservation Order No. 4 (Whittle-le-Woods) 2010 be confirmed.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The purpose of this report is to decide whether to confirm the above Tree Preservation Order with or without modification. The Order was placed on the trees when it came to your officers intention that the occupier of garage premises next to the trees intended to develop the land on which the trees stand.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- It is recommended that the Order be confirmed as there is evidence that the trees may be under threat of removal and their loss would result in trees which have a high amenity value.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- The Council could have decided not to protect the trees and allowed them to be felled. However, this would have meant that mature trees which have high amenity value would have been lost.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	X
Involving people in their communities		Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	

BACKGROUND

7. The trees stand along the boundary of an existing petrol filling station which has recently been redeveloped. During the course of the development the occupier of the petrol filling station contacted the Council about the possibility of extended the site which would have affected the trees. Given the potential threat to trees which contribute to the visual amenity of the area it was considered expedient to make a tree preservation order.

OBJECTION

8. One letter of objection has been received on behalf of the owner of the owner of the petrol filling station. The objection is made on the grounds that they do not make a valuable visual amenity to the area and they are not prominently situated.

In response to the objection:-

The trees do contribute to the visual amenity of the area and are prominent from a number of public viewpoints

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

9. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		No significant implications in this area	X

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Background Papers			
Document	Date	File	Place of Inspection
Chorley Council Tree Preservation Order No. 4 (Whittle-le-Woods)	February 2010	TPO No. 4 (Whittle-le-Woods)	Civic Offices, Union Street