

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Transformation	Development Control Committee	8 March 2011

PROPOSED CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 7 (WITHNELL) 2010 WITHOUT MODIFICATION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To consider formal confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order No.7 (Withnell) 2010 without modification.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That Tree Preservation Order No.7 (Withnell) 2010 be formally confirmed without modification.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- No objection has been received in response to the making of the above Order made on 14 October 2010. It is therefore, now open to the Council to confirm the above Order as unopposed. The effect of formally confirming the Order will be to give permanent legal force to the Order, as opposed to provisional force, thereby making it an offence on a permanent basis to fell or otherwise lop, prune etc, the oak tree protected by the Order without first having obtained lawful permission.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- Formal confirmation of the Order affords permanent as opposed to provisional legal protection to the tree covered by the Order.

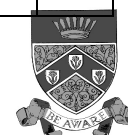
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- Not to confirm the Order would mean allowing the Order, and thereby the protection conferred on the tree covered by the Order to lapse.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Strong Family Support		Education and Jobs	
Being Healthy		Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Neighbourhoods	
Safe Respectful Communities		Quality Community Services and Spaces	



Vibrant Local Economy		Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages	
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			

BACKGROUND

7. The order was made on 14 October 2010. The Order was made and served along with the statutory notice prescribed in Regulations on all those with an interest in the land on which the oak tree is situated on 14 October. The order was made because on the assessment of the Council's Tree Officer the tree makes a valuable contribution to the visual amenity of the area, being prominently situated and clearly visible to the public and that its removal would have a significant impact on the environment and its enjoyment by the public.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

8. 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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There are no background papers to this report.

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