

Report of	Meeting	Date
Head of Governance	Development Control Committee	24 April 2012

## PROPOSED CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 19(WHITTLE-LE-WOODS) 2011 WITHOUT MODIFICATION

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To consider formal confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order No.19 (Whittle-le-Woods) 2011 without modification.
- That Tree Preservation Order No. 19 (Whittle-le-Woods) 2011 be formally confirmed without modification to the location of the protected trees as described in paragraph 8 below.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

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

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

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

<b>Confidential report</b> Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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### 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	x
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			

### BACKGROUND

- The Order was made on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012. 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 trees are situated on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The same documents were

also served on owners/occupiers of adjacent properties. The Order was made because on the assessment of the Council's Tree Officer the trees make a valuable contribution to the visual amenity of the area, being prominently situated and clearly visible to the public and that their removal would have a significant impact on the environment and its enjoyment by the public.

7. No objection has been received in response to the making of the above Order. 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, any of the trees covered by the Orders without first having obtained lawful permission.

## DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

8. It is proposed that the above Tree Preservation Order is approved without modification.

## 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		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area	X	Policy and Communications	

Attached to this report is a copy of the Plan where the Tree Preservation Order No.19 (Whittle-le-Woods) 2011 has been made.

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