

Report of	Meeting	Date
Deputy Director of Legal Services	Development Control Committee	22/08/06

PROPOSED CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To consider formal confirmation of five Tree Preservation Orders as detailed below.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2. The report does not affect any corporate priorities.

RISK ISSUES

3. The report contains no risk issues for consideration by Members.

BACKGROUND

4. The following Orders were made and served on all those with an interest (owner/ occupiers etc.) in the land on which the trees are situated on the dates stated for the following purposes:
 - (i) The Chorley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 5 (Eccleston) 2005, made on 26 October 2005; to protect four trees and five groups of trees on land in the grounds of St Mary's C. of E. Church off Towngate, Eccleston;
 - (ii) The Chorley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 6 (Clayton le woods) 2005, made on 14 December 2005, to protect two trees on land in the garden of 194 Springmeadows, Clayton le Woods;
 - (iii) The Chorley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 7 (White Coppice) 2005, made on 22 December 2005, to protect a tree on land bounded by New Street to the west and Lord Street and Sagar Street to the south;
 - (iv) The Chorley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 1 (White Coppice) 2006, made on 5 January 2006, to protect a tree on land at "Northwood," White Coppice, Chorley;
 - (v) The Chorley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 3 (Withnell) 2006, made on 12 May 2006, to protect two groups of trees running along the eastern bank of the Leeds-Liverpool canal at Withnell Fold.

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5. No objections or representations of any kind have been received in response to the making of the above Orders. It is, therefore, now open to the Council to confirm the above Orders as unopposed Orders. The effect of formally confirming the Orders will be to give permanent legal force to the Orders, 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 lawful permission.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

6. There are no comments from the Director of Finance.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

6. There are no comments from the Director of Human Resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. That the following Tree Preservation Orders be formally confirmed:
 - (1) The Chorley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 5 (Eccleston) 2005;
 - (2) The Chorley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 6 (Clayton le Woods) 2005;
 - (3) The Chorley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 7 (White Coppice) 2006;
 - (4) The Chorley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 1 (White Coppice) 2006;
 - (5) The Chorley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 3 (Withnell) 2006;

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

8. To confer permanent status on the Orders, so as to afford permanent protection to the trees covered by those Orders. :

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

9. The alternative would be to allow the Orders to lapse, thereby effectively ending the protection of the trees covered by the respective Orders.

CLAIRE HALLWOOD
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES

There are no background papers to this report.

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