

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Development and Regeneration	Development Control Committee	13.2.2007

OBJECTION TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO.6 (EUXTON) 2006

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To decide whether to confirm the above Tree Preservation Order (TPO) in light of the objection received.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2. This report raises no issues of corporate priorities.

RISK ISSUES

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

BACKGROUND

4. The tree is an oak situated in the rear garden of 15 Balshaw Gardens, Euxton.

Following reports that the tree was to be felled a TPO was made as it was considered that it contributed to the visual amenity of the area.

GROUND OF OBJECTION

5. One letter of objection has been received from the owners of the property on which the tree stands. The objection is made on the following grounds: -
 - The tree has grown huge is near to the house and may be dangerous
 - Danger to foundations and drains from roots
 - Falling branches onto garden
 - Possible flooding of adjacent stream due to fallen leaves and branches

RESPONSE TO THE GROUNDS OF OBJECTION

6. The Council's arboricultural officer has met with the owners to discuss their objection and carry out an assessment of the tree. With the exception of some past pruning which has left unsightly stumps around the lower end of the canopy the tree is in good general condition and is not considered to be a hazard. The arboricultural officer recommends that the stump ends are cut back which will benefit the tree preventing weakly attached limbs and ingress of pathogens. The TPO does not inhibit routine maintenance of the tree subject to consent being obtained which would remove the potential for falling branches and blockage of the watercourse.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

7. No comments.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES

8. No comments.

RECOMMENDATION

9. That the order be confirmed.

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