

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Development and Conservation
Control Committee

6th October 2004

AUTHOR/S: Finance and Resources Director

Tree Preservation Order – Arrington

Recommendation: To confirm without modification

Purpose

1. To review Tree Preservation Order no.05/04/SC, made under delegated powers at Church Farm, Arrington..

Effect on Corporate Objectives

2. Quality, Accessible Services	Not applicable
Village Life	The presence and protection of the natural environment enhances the quality of village life
Sustainability	The presence and protection of trees helps to control pollution levels, and therefore contributes to the Council's commitment to the climate change agenda. Trees provide an important micro habitat for both flora and fauna.
Partnership	Not applicable

Background

3. Once made, Tree Preservation Orders remain in force for a provisional period of six months, but can be confirmed at any time.

Considerations

4. Tree Preservation Order 05/04/SC was made on 19th July 2004. A plan is attached at Appendix 1 and the Schedule at Appendix 2.
5. The Council made the Order because it considers the tree belt to be an important visual feature of the surrounding landscape, and an important landscape buffer to the adjacent property, which is located on a south-easterly facing slope adjacent to open agricultural land.
6. The statutory period for the registering of objections to the Order ended on 23rd August 2004.. The letter of objection is attached at Appendix 3. A site visit took place on 22nd September 2004.

Options

7. Under the legislation, the Council can confirm a Tree Preservation Order, confirm it subject to modification, or decide not to confirm it.

Financial Implications

8. There are no financial implications.

Legal Implications

9. There are no legal implications.

Staffing Implications

10. There are no staffing implications.

Risk Management Implications

11. There are no risk management implications.

Conclusion

12. TPO number 05/94/SC remains provisionally in force until 18th January 2005.. By confirming it now, the Council will ensure that the Tree Preservation Order remains in force beyond that date. The Vice-Chairman of the Development and Conservation Control Committee and Councillor SGM Kindersley (a local Member) attended the site visit, and agreed with the Trees and Landscape Officer that the Order should be confirmed without modification.

Recommendations

13. It is **recommended** that Tree Preservation Order 05/04/SC in Arrington be confirmed without modification..

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Tree Preservation Order no. 05/04/SC In Arrington and the relevant file maintained by the Trees and Landscape Section
- Letter dated 22nd August 2004 from B E Newton

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