

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS – PROPOSED CONFIRMATIONS IN GIRTON, BASSINGBOURN AND WILLINGHAM

Purpose

1. To remind Members about the following Tree Preservation Orders and determine whether or not they should be confirmed. Plans are attached at Appendix 1.

Effect on Corporate Objectives and Annual Priorities

2. The aim of Tree Preservation Orders is to ensure a sustainable future for South Cambridgeshire, and to help implement the Council's commitment to the climate change agenda.

Background

3. Once made, Tree Preservation Orders remain in force for a provisional period of six months, but can be confirmed at any time. Details of the three Orders in Girton, Bassingbourn and Willingham are set out below.

- **40/03/SC – 5 Cambridge Road, Girton**

Tree Preservation Order 40/03/SC was made on 20th August 2003.

The Council made the Order at the request of the owners because the lime tree is considered important as a road frontage tree, skyline tree and as part of the local street scene. The contribution of this tree is also seen as significant in terms of its wider impact as part of the general treed character of the village and Parish of Girton

The statutory period for the registering of objections to the Order ended on 26th September 2003.

- **41/03/SC – 131 The Causeway, Bassingbourn**

Tree Preservation Order 41/03/SC was made on 20th August 2003.

The Council made the Order because the cedar tree is visually important to the street scene and skyline for this part of the village. The area is being considered for development so there may be future pressure to remove the tree, which the Council considers would be undesirable.

The statutory period for the registering of objections to the Order ended on 26th September 2003.

- **42/03/SC – 1 Priest Lane, Willingham**

Tree Preservation Order 42/03/SC was made on 22nd September 2003.

The Council made the Tree Preservation Order because the Willow tree is considered important as a road frontage tree and as part of the local street scene, and makes an important contribution this part of the village.

The statutory period for the registering of objections to the Order ended on 20th October 2003.

Considerations

4. There were no objections that would otherwise need to be considered prior to determining whether or not to confirm the Orders.

Options

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

Financial Implications

6. There are no specific financial implications.

Legal Implications

7. There are no specific legal implications.

Staffing Implications

8. There are no specific staffing implications.

Consultations

9. A copy of this report has been sent to the local Members for Girton (Councillors EW Bullman and Mrs JM Healey), Bassingbourn (Councillors NN Cathcart and CJ Gravatt) and Willingham (Councillor LCA Manning). Councillor Mrs Healey strongly supports the Tree Preservation Order in Girton. Councillor Manning has no objections to the confirmation of the Order in Willingham.

Conclusions/Summary

10. TPO numbers 40/03/SC and 41/03/SC remain provisionally in force until 19th February 2004. TPO 42/03/SC remains provisionally in force until 21st March 2004. By confirming them now, the Council will ensure that the Tree Preservation Orders remain in force beyond that date.

Recommendations

11. It is recommended that Tree Preservation Orders 40/03/SC in Girton, 41/03/SC in Bassingbourn and 42/03/SC in Willingham be confirmed without modification.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: Tree Preservation Orders 40/03/SC, 41/03/SC and 42/03/SC, and the relevant files maintained by the Trees and Landscape Department

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