

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Development and Conservation
Control Committee

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Tree Preservation Orders – Croydon, Bassingbourn and Whittlesford

Recommendation: To confirm without modification

Purpose

1. To review Tree Preservation Order nos.03/04/SC, 04/04/SC and 06/04/SC, made under delegated powers..

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

03/04/SC – 'Crail', High Street, Croydon

4. Tree Preservation Order 03/04/SC was made on 19th July 2004. A plan is attached at Appendix 1.
5. The Council made the Tree Preservation Order because the individual trees identified provide a visual buffer to the front of this elevated site, providing an important visual feature from the highway and surrounding dwellings.
6. The statutory period for the registering of objections to the Order ended on 20th August 2004.. There were no objections.

04/04/SC – Elbourn Way, Bassingbourn

7. Tree Preservation Order 04/04/SC was made on 19th July 2004. A plan is attached at Appendix 2. 8. The Council made the Tree Preservation Order because the tree is considered an important feature of the area as it is a skyline tree located prominently and adjacent to open fields, and therefore contributes significantly to the local landscape.

9. The statutory period for the registering of objections to the Order ended on 23rd August 2004.. There were no objections.

06/04/SC – The Maynards, Whittlesford

10. Tree Preservation Order 06/04/SC was made on 19th July 2004. A plan is attached at Appendix 3.
11. The Council has made the Tree Preservation Order because it considers the tree to be an important feature of the area as it is a skyline tree sited prominently and adjacent to open fields. Therefore, it contributes significantly to the local landscape.
12. The statutory period for the registering of objections to the Order ended on 23rd August 2004.. There were no objections.

Options

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

Financial Implications

14. There are no financial implications.

Legal Implications

15. There are no legal implications.

Staffing Implications

16. There are no staffing implications.

Risk Management Implications

17. There are no risk management implications.

Conclusion

18. The TPOs mentioned above remain provisionally in force until 18th January 2005.. By confirming them now, the Council will ensure that they remain in force beyond that date.

Recommendations

19. It is **recommended** that Tree Preservation Orders 03/04/SC in Croydon, 04/04/SC in Bassingbourn and 06/04/SC in Whittlesford be confirmed without modification.

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

- Tree Preservation Order nos. 03/04/SC In Croydon, 04/04/SC in Bassingbourn and 06/04/SC in Whittlesford and the relevant files maintained by the Trees and Landscape Section

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