

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Development and Conservation
Control Committee

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Tree Preservation Orders – Cambourne, Gamlingay and Linton

Recommendation: To confirm without modification, or subject to modification, as indicated

Purpose

1. To review Tree Preservation Order nos.12 and 13 of 2004, and 01 of 2005.

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

- **12/04/SC- 19 Cambridge Road, Linton**

4. Tree Preservation Order 12/04/SC was made on 22nd December 2004 under delegated powers. A plan and Schedule of trees are attached at **Appendix 1**.
5. The Council made the Tree Preservation Order because the individual trees are an important feature of the area being sky-line trees contributing visually to the street scene
6. The statutory period for the registering of objections to the Order ended on 4th February 2005.. There were no objections. Councillor JD Batchelor (local Member) does not object to confirming the Order. Councillor GJ Smith (local Member) has been consulted.

- **13/04/SC – Back Lane, Cambourne**

7. Tree Preservation Order 13/04/SC was made on 22nd December 2004 under delegated powers. A plan and Schedule of trees are attached at **Appendix 2**.

8. The Council made this Tree Preservation Order because it views the individual Ash trees as an important feature of the area being sky-line trees contributing visually to the street scene
9. The statutory period for the registering of objections to the Order ended on 11th February 2005.. There were no objections. Councillors D Morgan, E Pateman and Mrs DSK Spink have been consulted.

- **01/05/SC = 110 Cinqes Road, Gamlingay**

10. Tree Preservation Order 01/05/SC was made on 9th February 2005 At its meeting on 2nd February 2005, the Development and Conservation Control Committee had given officers delegated authority to make that Order and, subject to there not being any objections to it, to confirm it without further reference back. The landowner has stated that, "....We are delighted that all our young trees will now have this protection." The letter continues, "....The tree labelled correctly on the plan as T5 is then incorrectly described as being 'Situatd in the northern boundary.....' Clearly this should read as for T6 i.e. 'Situatd on the eastern boundary.....'" The plan and Schedule of trees, as they appear in the Order, are attached at **Appendix 3**.
11. The Council made the Tree Preservation Order because the trees and several groups of trees located in the grounds provide environmental enhancement and a diversity to the existing flora to the surrounding smallholding, while providing a visual buffer from the main road, and to protect the visual aspect provided by the trees from loss through possible development"
12. The statutory period for the registering of objections to the Order ended on 18th March 2005.. There were no formal objections. However, despite the delegated authority given at the February meeting, it is felt that Members should at least be aware of the alteration needed. Councillor Mrs A Elsby and Councillor SGM Kindersley (local Members) support confirmation.

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. TPO number 01/05/SC remains provisionally in force until 8th August 2005. By confirming them now, the Council will ensure that the Tree Preservation Orders remain in force beyond those dates.

Recommendations

19. It is **recommended**
 - (1) that Tree Preservation Order 01/05/SC in Gamlingay be confirmed as modified so that, in the First Schedule where it specifies "T5 Rowan – Situated in the Northern boundary of Rosehaven, 110 Cinques Road, Gamlingay" it states the word "Eastern" in place of the word "Northern.",
 - (2) that Tree Preservation Orders 12/04/SC in Linton and 13/04/SC in Cambourne be confirmed without modification.

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

- Tree Preservation Order nos. 12/04/SC in Linton, 13/04/SC in Cambourne and 01/95/SC in Gamlingay and the relevant files maintained by the Trees and Landscape Section

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