

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

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CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To consider confirmation of Tree Preservation Orders 1790 and 1791 to which objections have been made.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That having taken into consideration the representations received, that Tree Preservation Orders 1790 and 1791 be Confirmed

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE24 September 2003CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDERSREPORT OF DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICESDETAIL:1 TPO 1790. 151 – 155 Springvale Road, Kings Worthy.

An emergency TPO was made and served on 24 April 2003 to protect seven trees from development proposals.

1.2 There have been objections on the grounds that:

- The trees are not worthy of a TPO with regard to their age, size and disposition.
- The three conifers are of short life and are not indigenous to the chalkland and serve no useful or significant purpose.
- Some of the trees are growing underneath the telephone lines.
- The TPO seems underhand and vindictive in that the trees protected are in strategic positions relating to the development of the site.

1.3 Officer Comments

- All of the trees protected are visible to the public, contributing well to the area, they are relatively young with long useful life expectancies ahead of them and they appear to have no faults.
- Conifers of the type protected are planted very widely in this area, they do not seem to be adversely affected by the chalky substrate.
- There may be a need at some point in the future for some remedial work to avoid damage to the overhead cables.
- It is considered that the situation of the trees in no way inhibits the development of the site.

2. TPO 1791. Land at Quarry Road, Winchester.

2.1 An emergency TPO was made and served on 12 May 2003, to protect a group of five cypress trees and seven individual trees from developmental pressure.

2.2 There have been objections on the grounds that:

- The trees are in the rear garden and have a limited amenity value and are not significant in the streetscene.
- T3 is a suppressed Copper Beech growing in the shadow of T2, another Beech

- T4 and T5 are Silver Birch trees, the same as the unprotected tree next door.
- T6 A Horse Chestnut, a larger unprotected tree like this one was removed next door.
- T7 A Goat Willow, this is a country tree not found in gardens, it would normally be 'hacked' to produce hurdles.
- G1 Group of Cypress, some have lost limbs and they are in danger of blowing down.

2.3 OFFICER COMMENTS

- The Order was originally served as an emergency area order, this has now been amended to include seven separate trees and a group of 5 Cypress trees.
- The trees protected are visible from the South and are an integral part of this treed area. They have been inspected and were found to be in good health with no apparent faults.
- T3 is close to its neighbour the larger T2, they don't appear to be causing each other any undue harm and form one large canopy.
- All of the trees have been potentially threatened by development proposals, the City Council has not been made aware of any threat to trees in adjacent gardens.
- The Goat Willow T7 has been named incorrectly, it is in fact a poor specimen of the Sorbus family and will be excluded from the order.
- On inspection the Cypress trees were found to be in good order with few faults.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

2 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

Looking after the built and natural environment is a key objective.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Relevant Tree Preservation Order files

APPENDICES: None