

PLANNING COMMITTEE

9 DECEMBER 2014

CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2121 – LAND AT THE  
RECREATION GROUND, WICKHAM

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LANDSCAPE AND OPEN SPACES

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RECENT REFERENCES

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To consider the confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 2121, to which one objection has been raised.

RECOMMENDATION:

That, having taken into consideration the representation received, Tree Preservation Order 2121 be confirmed.

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##### DETAIL:

#### 1. TPO 2121 – LAND AT THE RECREATION GROUND, WICKHAM

- 1.1 The trees in question are located on the edge of the recreation ground in Wickham. The TPO protects two Oak, one Beech and one Sweet Chestnut.
- 1.2 A request was received to protect the trees in this area due to pressures from adjacent property owners to fell or prune the trees.
- 1.3 The Tree Officer attended the site to assess the trees and determined:
- That the trees were highly visible from the public domain and provided significant visual amenity.
  - Their removal would have a detrimental impact on local amenity.
- 1.4 TPO 2121 was served on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

##### Formal Objections

- 1.5 One objection to the TPO has been received from a neighbouring property.
- 1.6 The objection stated:
- T2 is located less than 10m from the objector's house and only a few inches from an adjacent brick wall. The wall is being undermined, making it unsafe for users of the right of way. The roots have the potential to interfere with the foundations of the house.
  - It is a young tree and the majority of the canopy overhangs the objector's garden and will do so more as it increases in size.
  - Should the tree fall, it would hit the house and could harm the occupants. It already leans toward the house.

##### Officer Comments

- 1.7 In response to the public representation, the Tree Officer advises that:
- No evidence has been submitted to the Council to indicate that the tree is causing damage to property, or likely to in the future.
  - No evidence has been submitted to the Council to indicate that the tree is unsafe or in poor health or condition.

- Should an application for tree work be submitted, the Council would consider the works requested along with any supporting evidence.
- The trees are highly visible from the public domain as described above, and make a significant contribution to local amenity.

1.8 Notwithstanding the objection therefore it is recommended that Tree Preservation Order 2121 is confirmed.

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

2. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN (RELEVANCE TO):

The confirmation of this Tree Preservation Order will contribute to the High Quality Environment outcome of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

3. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications for the City Council.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

There are no risk management issues for the City Council

#### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

TPO 2121 – LAND AT THE RECREATION GROUND, WICKHAM

Winchester City Council Tree Strategy consultation draft 2007. Policy TPO 1

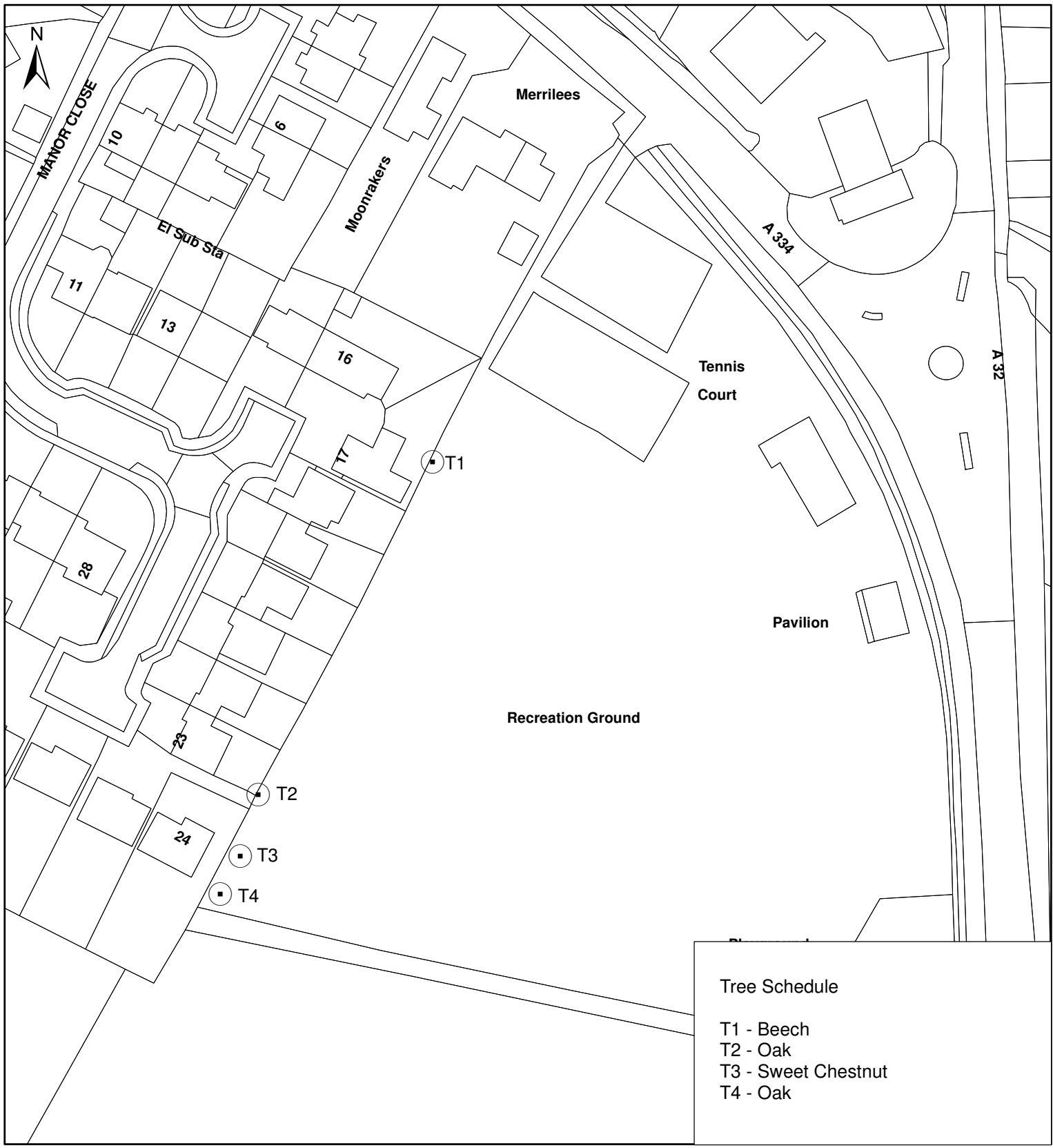
Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO)

Planning Practice Guidance – Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas

Winchester District Local Plan Review (July 2006)

#### APPENDICES:

Map



Tree Schedule	
T1	Beech
T2	Oak
T3	Sweet Chestnut
T4	Oak

- A1 Area
- G1 Group
- W1 Woodland
- T1 Tree

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**  
Section 198 - 201

Tree Preservation Order No. 2121

Location: Land at the Recreation Ground  
Wickham

OS Grid: 5710      Scale: 1:1,000 @ A4      Date: 24th July 2014



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