

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

COMMITTEE: Plans Sub Committee No. 2
9th September 2010

SUBJECT: Objections to Tree Preservation Order 2358 at Edgehill,
Stonehouse Road, Halstead

CHIEF OFFICER: Chief Planner

CONTACT OFFICER: Coral Gibson ext 4516

WARD: Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom

1 COMMENTARY

1.1. This order was made on 24th March 2010 and relates to one pine tree at the front of Edgehill, Stonehouse Road, Pratts Bottom.

1.2. Comments have been received from the owner of the property. He expressed concern that he was not consulted in advance about the making of the order and he considered that it was done a secretive and underhand way.

1.3. In response the owner was advised that the Council does not normally notify affected parties prior to the making of a TPO because of the risk of trees being removed whilst unprotected. This may appear rather uncompromising and that it was not the householders intention to remove the tree but the Council is not aware in advance of owners intention. However the legislation sets out a two stage process for making and confirming TPOs to allow objections to be raised. The order was made for the pine because it is considered to make an important contribution to the visual amenities of the area.

1.4. One letter in support of the TPO has also been received.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

2.1. This report is in accordance with Policy NE6 of the Council's adopted Unitary Development Plan.

3. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 If not confirmed the order will expire on 24th September 2010.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1. The Chief Planner advises that the tree make an important contribution to the visual amenity of the surrounding area and notwithstanding the objections raised, the order should be confirmed.