

**Decision Maker:** PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 1

**Date:** Thursday 25 October 2012

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** **OBJECTIONS TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2485 AT  
8 BEECH DELL, KESTON**

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**Chief Officer:** Chief Planner

**Ward:** Bromley Common and Keston

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1. Reason for report

To consider objections that have been made in respect of the making of a tree preservation order.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**The Chief Planner advises that the trees make an important contribution to the visual amenity of this part of the Keston Park conservation area and that the order should be confirmed. However a serious decay fungus has been identified on T.8 of the order and it should be excluded from the order.**

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning Division Budget
  4. Total current budget for this head: £3.3m
  5. Source of funding: Existing revenue budget
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 103.89ftes
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Those affected by the tree preservation order.
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### 3. COMMENTARY

3.1. This order was made on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and relates to 10 trees in the back garden. Objections have been made by a tree consultant acting on behalf of the owner of the property. He objected to the inclusion of two trees that he considers are not worthy of statutory protection – trees numbered 8 and 10, both beeches in the back garden of the property.

3.2. T.8 He had identified the presence of Kretzschmaria deusta. It is agreed that this is a serious decay fungus and can cause a tree to fail with no warning. This tree should be excluded from the order.

3.3. T.10 – His concern about this tree relates to the presence of a large vertical wound on the south side of the tree with the presence of what he suspects may be stereum fungus. This fungus is of limited importance in respect of structural safety of a tree. The wound on the trunk is not an immediate hazard but will limit the future life expectancy of the tree. The confirmation of the order for this tree will not preclude the making of applications for the pruning or felling of the tree in the future. In fact an application has been made to prune this tree and consent has been granted.

### 4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

### 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

If not confirmed the order will expire on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012

### 7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

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