

Decision Maker: PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 3

Date: Thursday 21st December 2017

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

Title: CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (TPO)
2637 AT 75 QUEENSWAY, ORPINGTON, KENT, BR5 1DQ

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Chief Officer: Chief Planner

Ward: Petts Wood and Knoll

1. Reason for report

To consider an objection received against the making of the above referenced Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The oak tree makes an important contribution to the visual amenity of the surrounding area and is awarded high amenity value. The TPO should therefore be confirmed to secure tree protection.

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:
 4. Total current budget for this head: £
 5. Source of funding:
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 3
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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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 TPO.
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Ward Councillor Views

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

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 TPO 2637 was made on the 3rd July 2016 and relates to a mature oak tree located to the rear of 75 Queensway.
- 3.2 An objection has been received from the co-owner of the property.
- 3.3 The objection states that the removal of the tree would not have a significant impact on the local environment on the basis of the isolated location. The objection makes it clear that the site is outlined for proposed development that will likely consist of four dwellings.
- 3.4 The TPO was made following a perceived threat to the tree being established. The content of the objection confirms this.
- 3.5 Further to a visual assessment adopting the TEMPO (Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders) scoring system, a new TPO was considered justified as the tree merited preservation. In summary, the tree was found to be in a good condition, with a suitable retention span and clearly visible to the public.
- 3.6 The Order does not prevent future works from being carried out, but it requires that the Council's consent be gained prior to removing trees and prior to carrying out most forms of tree pruning. In assessing applications to remove trees or carry out pruning, the Council takes into account the reasons for the application, set alongside the effect of the proposed work on the health and amenity value of the trees. The proposed development should address the tree as a constraint.
- 3.7 The TPO is valid for 6 months from the date the order was made. If the TPO is not confirmed within this period, the TPO will cease to exist.
- 3.8 Considering the foreseeable desire to remove the tree, members are respectfully requested to confirm the order.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy, Financial, Personnel, Legal
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	15/05390/TREE

4. PHOTO

