



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Planning & Highways Committee Report

Report of: Director of City Growth Service

Date: 16 January 2018

Subject: Tree Preservation Order No.415 (land adjacent to Spring Lane, Sheffield, OS Grid Reference SK373855)

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Summary: To seek confirmation of Tree Preservation Orders No. 415

Reasons for Recommendation

To protect a tree of visual amenity value to the locality

Recommendations Tree Preservation Orders No. 415 should be confirmed.

Background Papers: A) Tree Preservation Orders No. 415 and map attached
B) Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) assessment for TPO 415.

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TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 415
SITE ADJACENT TO SPRING LANE, S2 1GF

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 415.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Tree Preservation Order No.415 was made on 29th September 2017 to protect an establish belt of trees along the site boundary with Spring Lane and Park Grange Road. A copy of the order with its accompanying map is attached as Appendix A.

2.2 A planning application was submitted for development of the site for multiple housing. Although the majority of these trees were shown as being retained, without some form of legal protection in place, there is a high probability that they may be removed once the indivial houses are sold off.

2.3 The site is to is located within an area of the city lacking significant amounts of established tree-cover, making their retention particularly important

2.4 No objections to the order have been received.

3.0 VISUAL AMENITY ASSESSMENT

3.1 The trees are well-established specimens, providing significant visual amenity and maturity to the site. They are considered to contribute to the visual amenity of the site in an area of the city sadly lacking significant tree-cover.

3.2 A Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) assessment was carried out by the Landscape Planning Officer and Community Tree Officer, Trees and Woodlands Team and is attached as Appendix B. The assessment produced a clear recommendation for protection.

4.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no equal opportunities implications.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no environmental and property implications based on the information provided.

5.2 Protection of the tree detailed in Tree Preservation Order No.415 will benefit the visual amenity of the local environment.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 A local authority may make a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) where it appears that it is expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees or woodlands in their area (section 198, Town and Country Planning Act 1990).

7.2 A TPO may prohibit the cutting, topping, lopping or uprooting of the trees which are the subject of the order. It may also prohibit the wilful damage or destruction of those trees. Any person who contravenes a TPO shall be guilty of an offence and liable to receive a fine of up to £20,000.

7.3 The local authority may choose to confirm a TPO it has made. If an order is confirmed, it will continue to have legal effect until such point as it is revoked. If an order is not confirmed, it will expire and cease to have effect 6 months after it was originally made.

7.4 A local authority may only confirm an order after considering any representations made in respect of that order. No such representations have been received in respect of Tree Preservation Order No.415.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

8.1 Recommend Provisional Tree Preservation Order No.415 be confirmed.

Rob Murfin, Chief Planning Officer

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