



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Planning & Highways Committee Report

Report of: Director of City Growth Service

Date: 1 May 2018

Subject: Tree Preservation Order No. 418,
178 Howard Road, Sheffield, S6 3RX

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Summary: To seek confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 418

Reasons for Recommendation

To protect a tree of visual amenity value to the locality

Recommendations Tree Preservation Order No. 418 should be confirmed unmodified.

Background Papers: A) Tree Preservation Order No. 418 and map attached.
B) Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) assessment attached.

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CITY GROWTH SERVICE

REPORT TO PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

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TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 418

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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 418.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Tree Preservation Order No.418 was made on 1st December 2017 to protect a large mature sycamore tree located within the curtilage of 178 Howard Road. A copy of the order with its accompanying map is attached as Appendix A.

2.2 The Sycamore is positioned close to the front boundary of 178 Howard Road and is seen as being visually prominent along Howard Road. It is seen as part of a cohesive element of the landscape with other trees in the area and together they are considered to contribute to the visual amenity of the locality.

2.3 The property was being put up for sale by auction and the tree was perceived to be under threat due to the potential to develop the site. The large car park and garden to the rear were described in the sale documents as being suitable for development potential and the tree was felt to be vulnerable as a consequence.

2.4 A condition inspection of the tree has been carried out by Sheffield City Council's, Trees and Woodlands Team. The tree was found to be in normal health when inspected and no obvious health and safety reasons requiring major intervention were found when inspected which would negate the tree's contribution to the amenity of the locality. A TEMPO assessment was also carried out following the inspection and supported the protection of the tree.

2.5 No objections to the order have been received.

3.0 VISUAL AMENITY ASSESSMENT

3.1 The tree is large and of significant amenity value when viewed along Howard Road and is considered to contribute to the visual amenity value of the area because of its stature and prominent frontage location. It is considered to form part of a cohesive group with other trees on Howard Road.

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.418 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.418.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

8.1 Recommend Provisional Tree Preservation Order No.418 be confirmed.

Rob Murfin, Chief Planning Officer

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