

REPORT TO:	PLANNING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 5
DATE OF MEETING:	10th APRIL 2018	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (SERVICE DELIVERY)	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	PROPOSED TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 482 – 52 MAIN STREET, NEWTON SOLNEY	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	REPTON	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That this tree preservation order should be confirmed.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider confirmation of this tree preservation order (TPO).

3.0 Detail

3.1 This tree preservation order was provisionally made on 26th October 2017 in respect of a single Eucalyptus tree that sits to the fore of the site at 52 Main Street, Newton Solney.

3.2 The TPO was made following notification to fell (see notice application 9/2017/0231).

3.3 One letter of objection was received through consultation stating:

- Although becoming common in England, this is not an indigenous species;
- The Order states that the tree cannot be managed. This tree has the potential to grow to 37m tall, with an 8m spread – this will make it unmanageable and out of proportion to its surroundings;
- This tree is growing above a well which assists its growth greatly. A permanently waterlogged site is not ideal and Eucalyptus trees do not tolerate very wet sites. Root damage to an old well is also undesirable;
- With the tree growing in a lopsided manner it has resulted in large boughs overhanging our garden/summerhouse. We do fear that if a bough broke off it would cause serious injury;

- We have spoken with the owner of the tree and understand that he is willing to plant another tree.

3.4 In answer to the comments made, officers have the following response:

- Whilst the tree is not indigenous, by virtue of its good form, healthy appearance and impressive scale, it contributes to the special character of the conservation area and general visual amenity levels afforded to this part of the village, adding some variety of tree species to the locality.
- TPO status does not prevent appropriate maintenance; appropriate work for the type of tree in relation to its context is generally supported through applications.
- Ground conditions (in terms of waterlogging) did not appear to be a concern when the site was visited. However as with all private property it would be advisable to get the tree checked over by an independent arborist; this in turn would highlight any concerns in regards the suitability of the ground (which the tree is growing) and any concerns in regards the overhanging of the tree of the adjacent premises.

4.0 Planning Assessment

4.1 It is expedient in the interests of amenity to make the trees the subject of a tree preservation order in accordance with advice set out in the Government's PPG document.

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 It is expedient in the interests of amenity to preserve.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 None.

7.0 Corporate Implications

7.1 Protecting visually important trees contributes towards the Corporate Plan theme of Sustainable Development.

8.0 Community Implications

8.1 Trees that are protected for their good visual amenity value enhance the environment and character of an area and therefore are of community benefit for existing and future residents helping to achieve the vision for the Vibrant Communities theme of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

9.0 Background Information

- a. 26th October 2017 Tree Preservation Order.
- b. 16th November 2017 – Letter of Objection.