
REPORT TO:	PLANNING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
DATE OF MEETING:	16 TH DECEMBER 2014	CATEGORY: DELEGATED/ RECOMMENDED
REPORT FROM:	STUART BATCHELOR	OPEN/EXEMPT PARAGRAPH NO:
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SUBJECT:	TPO387	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	MELBOURNE	TERMS OF REFERENCE: PL01

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That this tree preservation order be confirmed.

2.0 Purpose of Report

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

3.0 Detail

3.1 This woodland preservation order was made on 18 July 2014 in respect of trees to the rear of houses 60-78 Ashby Road, Melbourne.

3.2 The TPO was made as the trees form an attractive woodland backdrop to recent development here and with further development proposed nearby, its woodland value was seen to be at threat.

3.3 Comments relating to the proposed Order have been received and are summarised as:

- The plan showing W1 appears to be not wholly accurate. We do however very much welcome the implementation of the Order with concerns that recent development does not extend outside of the town boundary. It also is a useful windbreak to our property;

3.4 In answer to the comments officer have responded below. Comments made in regards the flooding issue are being investigated separately

- Whilst every effort to accurately plot TPO boundaries is made, small inaccuracies can occur especially in areas with limited mapped landmarks.

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.

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

- 9.1 8 July 2014 Tree Preservation Order
9.2 Letter and subsequent email from Charles & Helen Bond