
REPORT TO:	PLANNING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 5
DATE OF MEETING:	17th July 2012	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	Richard Rodgers (ext. 5744)	DOC:
SUBJECT:	TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 353	REF:
WARD AFFECTED:	ASTON	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 TPO was made on 3rd February 2012 in respect of four trees on land adjacent to Aston Hall Drive, Aston-on-Trent.

3.2 The TPO was made at the request of the Council's Tree Officer. Three of the four trees had suffered storm damage and the Management Company had contacted the Council to request permission to carry out remedial works. To avoid any unnecessary works at this time (over and above making the trees safe) a temporary order was made.

3.3 One letter relating to the proposed Order has been received and is summarised below:-

- The trees are in a Conservation area. As such, permission is still required from the Local Planning Authority due to that designation. The subsequent Preservation Order is then unnecessary and a waste of public money.
- Previous work has required permission. Ongoing permission has since been granted.
- Why were the trees seen to be under threat? We saw the trees as being threatened by not carrying out work to them. By not carrying out work the public were at threat from falling branches.

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

- The trees lie outside of the current Conservation Area boundary. As such, they were afforded no protection.
- Advice may have been given previously, in the best interests of the trees. The ongoing work would indicate that no formal permission was required though.
- The pollarding works discussed (following the storms in late January 2012) were seen to be unnecessary and detrimental.

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 3 Feb 2012 Tree Preservation Order
 9.2 7 Mar 2012 - Letter from Lloyd Property Management