

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 23 JULY 2014

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2014

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LAW, DEMOCRACY AND
PEOPLE SERVICES**

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform Members of the making of a provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and to seek its confirmation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members resolve to confirm the following Order without modification:-

Borough of Telford & Wrekin (Oak tree to the South of; St Michaels Church, Waters Upton, Telford, Shropshire) Tree Preservation Order 2014

3.0 SUMMARY

- 3.1 On 21 March April 2014 a provisional Tree Preservation Order was made in respect of one Oak Tree (identified as T1 on the appended map – **Appendix 1**) to the South of St Michaels Church, Waters Upton, Telford, Shropshire.
- 3.2 On 17 April 2014 an objection to the TPO was received from the owner of the property in respect of the tree (T1).

4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4.1 None.

5.0 INFORMATION

- 5.1 Details of Objection

A copy of the letter of objection and supporting documentation is attached to this report as **Appendix 2**.

5.2 Response of Arboricultural Officer

The response of the Arboricultural officer is attached as **Appendix 3**.

It should also be noted that the tree has been classified as a Veteran Oak by an independent tree survey.

6.0 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

6.1 Not applicable.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.1 The amenity value of the trees outweighs any reasons given for their removal.

8.0 LEGAL COMMENT

8.1 A Tree Preservation Order is made under the powers conferred on the Borough of Telford & Wrekin by Sections 198, 201 and 203 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. A Local Planning Authority may preserve trees or woodlands if it thinks it is expedient in the interests of amenity to do so.

8.2 The Tree Preservation Order does not preclude necessary lopping or pruning. However, it would be necessary for the Council to consent before any such work was undertaken.

8.3 Should an application be received for consent to fell any protected tree(s), conditions could be imposed to secure the replanting of suitable replacement trees.

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9.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

9.1 The making of Tree Preservation Orders is an important element in the Council's priority of ensuring a sustainable environment.

10.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no financial implications for the Council.

11.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS

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12.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1 Borough of Telford & Wrekin (Oak tree to the South of; St Michaels Church, Waters Upton, Telford, Shropshire) Tree Preservation Order 2014.

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