

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 5 AUGUST 2015

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2015

**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 (13 Sycamore Trees at St Michaels Church Yard, St Michaels Church, Church Street, Madeley, Telford) Tree Preservation Order 2015

3.0 SUMMARY

- 3.1 On 17 February 2015 a provisional Tree Preservation Order was made in respect of 13 Sycamore Trees (identified as G1 on the appended map – **Appendix 1**) at St Michaels Church Yard, St Michaels Church, Church Street, Madeley, Telford.
- 3.2 An objection to the TPO dated 25 March 2015 was received from the owner of the property in respect of the trees.

4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4.1 None.

5.0 INFORMATION

- 5.1 Details of Objection

A copy of the letter of objection is attached to this report as **Appendix 2**. A similar letter from the objector was made in response to the making of a previous provisional Order which unfortunately was not determined within the time allowed. This original representation is also enclosed at **Appendix 2**.

5.2 Response of Arboricultural Officer

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

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 (13 Sycamore Trees at St Michaels Church Yard, St Michaels Church, Church Street, Madeley, Telford)
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