

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE – 8 APRIL 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 (Trees at Princess Avenue, Arleston, Telford, TF1 2LJ) Tree Preservation Order 2015**

**3.0 SUMMARY**

- 3.1 On 17 February 2015 a provisional Tree Preservation Order was made in respect of two Copper/Purple Beech Trees (identified as T1 and T2 on the appended map – **Appendix 1**) and one Silver Birch (identified as T3 on the appended map – **Appendix 1**) at Princess Avenue, Arleston, Telford, TF1 2LJ
- 3.2 An objection to the TPO has been received from the landowner, Wrekin Housing Trust, in respect of all 3 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**. The objection letter was made in response to the making of a previous provisional Order which unfortunately was not determined within the time allowed. The Housing Trust has confirmed that their objections still stand in relation to the current Order.

## 5.2 Response of Arboricultural Officer

The Arboricultural officer is of the view that the amenity value of the trees outweighs any reasons given for their removal. These trees were planted when the original estate was constructed (1933) and now form a major amenity attribute to the area, encouraging wildlife and providing scale to the area.

## 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**

Arleston

## **12.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12.1 Borough of Telford & Wrekin (Trees at Princess Avenue, Arleston, Telford, TF1 2LJ) Tree Preservation Order 2015

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