

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 23 MAY 2018

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2018

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE, PROCUREMENT & COMMISSIONING

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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 within the grounds of; 23 Wellington Road, Muxton, Telford, TF2 8NG) Tree Preservation Order 2018

3.0 SUMMARY

- 3.1 On 17th January 2018 a provisional Tree Preservation Order was made in respect of one Monkey Puzzle Tree (identified as **T1** on the appended map – **Appendix 1**) and three Scots Pine trees (identified as **G1** on the appended map as Appendix 1) at 23 Wellington Road, Muxton
- 3.2 On 26th February 2018 an objection to the TPO was received from the owner of the property in respect of the Monkey Puzzle Tree (**T1**).

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**

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

Muxton Ward

12.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 Borough of Telford & Wrekin (23 Wellington Road, Muxton, Telford, TF2 8NG) Tree Preservation Order 2018

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