

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2018**

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: GOVERNMENT, PROCUREMENT & COMMISSIONING**

**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 within the grounds of; Dunwich, Spring Village, Horsehay, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 2LX) Tree Preservation Order 2018**

**3.0 SUMMARY**

- 3.1 On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 a provisional Tree Preservation Order was made in respect of one oak tree (identified as **T1** on the appended map – **Appendix 1**)
- 3.2 On 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 an objection to the TPO was received from the owner of the property in respect of the oak 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**

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## **12.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12.1 Borough of Telford & Wrekin (Oak Tree within the grounds of; Dunwich, Spring Village, Horsehay, Telford, Shropshire, TF4 2LX) Tree Preservation Order 2018

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