

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

**INDUSTRIAL UNIT
LONDON ROAD, HOLDITCH ROAD, SPENDCROFT ROAD
CHESTERTON**

Tree Preservation Order No.161 (2014)

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

Town & Country Planning (Tree Protection) (England) Regulations 2012

The Provisional Order protects 16 trees situated on land surrounding the industrial unit at the junctions of London Road, Holditch Road and Spendcroft Road Chesterton.

The Provisional Order was made to safeguard the longer term visual amenity that the trees provide arising from concern that the trees would be felled after an enquiry was made as to the status of the trees which stated that the intention would be to clear the shrubs and trees from the site.

The Order was made using delegated powers on the 10th of November 2014. Approval is sought for the Order to be confirmed as made.

The 6 month period for this Order expires on 10th May 2015

RECOMMENDATION

That Tree Preservation Order No 161 (2014), Industrial Unit London Road, Holditch Road, Spendcroft Road Chesterton, be confirmed as made and that the owners of the site be informed accordingly.

Reasons for Recommendation

Your officers are of the opinion that the longer-term visual amenity of the trees is best secured by the making of a Tree Preservation Order. Your officers are of the opinion that the trees are generally healthy at present and are of sufficient amenity value to merit the making of a Tree Preservation Order. They are considered to be appropriate species for the locality and provide public amenity value due to their form and visibility from public locations. The making of the Order will not prevent the owner from carrying out good management of the trees nor improving or developing the site, and it will give the Council the opportunity to control the works and prevent unnecessary cutting down, lopping, topping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction. The owner will be able to apply for permission to carry out maintenance work to the trees which is necessary to safely manage them.

Representations

No representations have been received.

Issues

The trees are situated close to the boundaries of the site of the industrial unit. They are primarily single stemmed deciduous trees the majority of which form a line adjacent to Spendcroft Road with three trees adjacent to London Road. They are early-mature to mature and clearly visible from the surrounding roads.

The trees are a significant feature to the locality and provide an important contribution to the area. Their loss would have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity, not only of the site but also to the locality.

A tree status enquiry was received by the council on 21st October 2014 which stated that the intention was to clear the shrubs and trees from the site for reasons of security and ease of maintenance.

Your officers inspected all of the trees on the site in November 2014 and carried out a TPO assessment, and found the majority of the trees worthy of an Order. They are considered to be in reasonable health, visually significant and an amenity to the locality, with the prospect of continuing to provide this for many years. The Order was made and served on 10th November 2014 in order to protect the long term well-being of the trees. Trees of poor health, with significant defects or of poor visual amenity were not included.

Date report prepared

5th February 2015