Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

177 Liverpool Road Cross Heath Newcastle ST5 9HF

Tree Preservation Order No.164 (2015)

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Town & Country Planning (Tree Protection) (England) Regulations 2012

The Provisional Order

This Provisional Tree Preservation Order affects a Sycamore tree in the rear garden of 177 Liverpool Road Cross Heath.

The Order was made using delegated powers on 26th February 2015.

Approval is sought for the Order to be confirmed as made.

The 6 month period for this Order expires on 26th August 2015

RECOMMENDATION

That Tree Preservation Order No 164 (2015), 177 Liverpool Road, Cross Heath, Newcastle ST5 9HF, be confirmed as made and that the owners of the site are informed accordingly.

Reasons for Recommendation

The Sycamore tree is clearly visible from a considerable length of Liverpool Road (A34), from the Linden Road junction and also between gaps in houses on Derwent Place.

The tree is a prominent feature in the landscape when travelling along one of the busiest routes in the town and makes an important present and future contribution to the area.

There are no other trees of such a prominent stature in the nearby locality.

The tree as an individual is aesthetically pleasing when viewed from the surrounding landscape.

The tree is a significant feature in the locality and provides an important contribution to the area. Its loss would have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity, not only of the site but also to the locality.

The tree is generally healthy at present and is of sufficient amenity value to merit the making of a Tree Preservation Order

In order to protect the long-term wellbeing of this tree it should be protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

The making of the Order will not prevent the owner from carrying out good management of the tree 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 for any maintenance that would be necessary to safely manage these trees.

Representations

No representations have been received.

Issues

A Tree Status Enquiry received from a perspective developer for the adjacent property gave rise to concern that the tree may be felled unnecessarily to prevent it being an obstacle to the development of the site.

Your officer inspected the site in February 2015 and carried out a TPO assessment and the Sycamore tree was found to be worthy of the protection of a Tree Preservation Order.

The tree is in reasonable health, and is visually significant with the prospect of continuing to provide visual amenity for many years. The provisional order was made and served on 26th February 2015 in order to protect the long term well-being of the tree.

Date report prepared

2nd June 2015