

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

Sycamore tree at Mersey Road, Clayton

Tree Preservation Order No 178 (2016)

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

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

The Provisional Order

The Provisional Tree Preservation Order protects an individual mature Sycamore, situated in a visually prominent roadside position to the front of garages on Mersey Road.

The provisional Tree Preservation Order was served using delegated powers on 29/09/16. The consultation period ended on 27/10/16

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

The 6 month period for this Order expires on 29th March 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Tree Preservation Order No 178 (2016), Mersey Road, Clayton be confirmed as made and that the owners of the site be informed accordingly.

Reasons for Recommendation

Background

The individual Sycamore is clearly visible from Mersey Road and from some positions on Wye Road. The canopy of this tree can be seen above the rooftops of bungalows on Welland Road.

It is considered that the Sycamore has a high amenity value and that its loss or disfigurement would have a negative impact upon the visual amenity, not only of the site but the locality.

The tree is in generally in good condition, although it does have some deadwood in the crown. It has a union at around 1.5m which shows no sign of weakness. It is noted that the tree has some wounds which show good occlusion. It is recommended that a further inspection of these wounds is carried out by the owner of the tree. Your officers are of the opinion that the tree has the prospect of continuing to provide visual amenity for many years to come.

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.

Representations

Following the consultation period no representations were received.

Issues

Your officers assessed the long term long-term visual amenity of all of the trees on this site, after a planning application was submitted which indicated that trees on the site may be in the way of a proposed development. Consequently there was a risk that the trees may be felled.

A request to consider the protection of trees on this site was also made by a member of the public, who had concerns that trees may be removed to make way for a new development.

Following the assessment of all of the trees on the site, some were found to not meet the criteria for protection through a Tree Preservation Order.

Your officers are of the opinion that the individual Sycamore tree that is now covered by this provisional order is generally healthy at present, and is of sufficient amenity value to merit the making of a permanent Tree Preservation Order.

Your officers consider that in order to protect the long-term wellbeing of the tree it should be protected by a permanent Tree Preservation Order

Date report prepared

10th February 2017