

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

Woodland off Jamage Road, to the South of Arbour Farm, Talke

Tree Preservation Order No 183 (2017)

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

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

The Provisional Order

This Provisional Tree Preservation Order protects an area of woodland off Jamage Road, to the South of Arbour Farm, Talke.

The 6 month period for this Order expires on 2nd September 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

That Tree Preservation Order No 183 (2017), woodland off Jamage Road, to the South of Arbour Farm, Talke, be confirmed as made and that the owners of the site be informed accordingly.

Reasons for Recommendation

Background

Your officers are of the opinion that the longer-term visual amenity of the woodland was best secured by the making of a Provisional Tree Preservation Order after concerns were raised about the future of trees on the site following the sale of the land.

The site is an area of young/early mature woodland which is presently unmanaged.

The site is bordered by farmland, the A500 and Jamage Road (which is a 'no through road' ending at its junction with the A500). The woodland is in a prominent and elevated position on a former bridge embankment.

The woodland is visible from the A500 (to the east of busy Talke junction), and from the bridge crossing the A550 on Talke Road.

The woodland is visible from the Public Right of Way (Kingsgrove 230) in positions between Talke Road and Jamage Road.

The woodland acts as a visual screen to the A500 when viewed from Oaktree Lane.

The woodland links to other existing woodland at Parrots Drumble to the east.

There is concern that trees on this site may be felled to make way for development.

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

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

Representations

Following the consultation period three representations were received:

Kidsgrove Town Council: Support the Tree Preservation Order, they agree that the woodland is yet to mature and that it forms a natural visual screen from the A500 when viewed from Oaktree Lane and does have a high amenity value to the area which should be preserved.

They are concerned that there may be an intension for new owners to clear the land for development and that the long term wellbeing of the woodland could be adversely affected.

A second representation in support was of the Tree Preservation Order was received from a resident who writes that he has not only watched the tree's grow and mature but the local landscape too. He explains how it is an area he used to take his children for nature walks and still does to this day with his grandchildren. He goes on to say that to fell ANY tree would be disastrous as the tree's also provide screening from the busy A500 and that to protect any future desire to develop the land by the new owners a TPO order is crucial

A third representation supporting the Tree Preservation received by from the owner of Windy Arbour Farm, stating that over the last 40 years they have watched the trees in question mature from saplings creating a natural screen from the A500 and that to fell the trees would have a detrimental effect on the area.

Issues

The making of the Order will not prevent the owners 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 as necessary in order to safely manage them.

Your officer recommends that the woodland be permanently protected and that TPO183 (2017) be confirmed as made.

Date report prepared

19th May 2016