

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

Norway Maple (Acer) at AWS Electrics on Croft Road Industrial Estate, Newcastle

Tree Preservation Order No 184 (2017)

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 Norway Maple, situated in a visually prominent roadside position on Croft Road.

The provisional Tree Preservation Order was served using delegated powers on 06/06/17. The consultation period ended on 04/07/17

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

The 6 month period for this Order expires on 6th December 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That Tree Preservation Order No 184 (2017), Croft Road, Newcastle be confirmed as made and that the owners of the site be informed accordingly.

Reasons for Recommendation

Background

The individual Norway Maple makes an important contribution to the local landscape being clearly visible from Croft Road, Brampton Sidings and Public Footpath ref Newcastle 132.

The tree occupies visually prominent roadside frontage position within the Croft Road Industrial Estate. There are few trees of a similar stature in the surrounding locality.

The Norway Maple makes a valuable contribution to the local landscape and its loss or disfigurement would have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity, not only of the site but also to the locality.

There has been recent tree loss on and around this site.

The tree helps to soften the visual appearance of the locality within the otherwise hard industrial surroundings.

Representations

Following the consultation period no representations were received.

Issues

It became apparent that the owner/occupier of the site wished to fell the tree. Other trees on the site had recently been felled.

An officer inspection determined that the individual tree is of sufficient quality to be retained.

The tree has some minor deadwood and some wounds which show some occlusion. A further inspection of these is recommended.

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.

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

Date report prepared

29th September 2017