

## **Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order**

Five Beech trees at 147 Liverpool Road East

### **Tree Preservation Order No 187 (2017)**

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

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

### **The Provisional Order**

The Provisional Tree Preservation Order protects five individual mature Beech trees, situated in a visually prominent roadside position on Liverpool Road, immediately adjacent to the Liverpool Road Aqueduct.

The provisional Tree Preservation Order was served using delegated powers on 11/08/17. The consultation period ended on 08/09/17

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

**The 6 month period for this Order expires on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Tree Preservation Order No 187 (2017), 47 Liverpool Road East be confirmed as made and that the owners of the site be informed accordingly.

### **Reasons for Recommendation**

#### **Background**

The five Beech trees are highly visually prominent, roadside trees, positioned along one of the busy main routes towards Kildersleepe. They make a valuable contribution to the local setting and are clearly from the adjacent aqueduct on the Macclesfield Canal.

The trees occupy an elevated roadside frontage position.

The trees have been pruned by utilities companies in the past, and to clear branches and foliage from streetlights, nonetheless, they have retained a good shape, and have sufficient space to grow and develop in the future.

A smaller Beech tree positioned within the group does not meet the criteria for protection due to it being suppressed and of poor form and has not been included in this order. Since the order was made this tree has been reduced to a stump.

The trees make a valuable contribution to the local landscape and their loss would have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity, not only of the site but also to the locality.

The five Beech trees are of a good shape and form, with full and healthy crowns, and are of a sufficient quality to be retained.

The order was made following notification of the owners' intention to fell the trees.

In order to protect the long term well-being of these trees, they should be protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

### **Representations**

Following the consultation period no representations were received.

### **Issues**

It became apparent that the owner/occupier of the site wished to fell the trees.

An officer inspection determined that five individual Beech trees are of sufficient quality to be retained.

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 the five Beech trees, they should be protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

### **Date report prepared**

5<sup>th</sup> December 2017