

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

LAND AT THE OAKS, MINN BANK, ASTON

Tree Preservation Order No.190 (2017)

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

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

The Order protects two oak trees situated on the northern boundary of the Oaks, Minn Bank, Aston. The Order was made to safeguard the longer term visual amenity that the trees provide after a tree status enquiry was received expressing concern with regard to their future management. This gave rise to concern that the trees might be felled or inappropriately pruned.

The Order was made using delegated powers on 9th October 2017. Approval is sought for the Order to be confirmed as made.

The 6 month period for this Order expires on 9TH May 2018

RECOMMENDATION

That Tree Preservation Order No 190 (2017), land at the Oaks, Minn Bank, Aston, TF9 4JB be confirmed as made and that the owners of the site be informed accordingly.

Reasons for Recommendation

Your officers are of the opinion that the longer-term visual amenity of the trees is best secured by the making of a Tree Preservation Order. Your officers are of the opinion that the trees are generally healthy at present and are of sufficient amenity value to merit the making of a Tree Preservation Order. They are considered to be appropriate species for the locality and provide public amenity value due to their form and visibility from public locations. The making of the Order will not prevent the owner from carrying out good management of the trees, 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 which is necessary to safely manage them.

Representations

No representations have been received.

Issues

The trees are situated in the grounds of The Oaks in the centre of Aston. They are two individual single stemmed oak trees located close to the northern boundary of the plot. They are fully mature and clearly visible from adjacent roads and approaches.

The trees are a good example of the species, are a significant feature to the locality, and provide an important contribution to the area. Their loss would have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity, not only of the site but also to the locality.

A tree status enquiry was received in September 2017 raising concern as to what might happen in the future due to the trees location close to the boundary wall. There does not appear to be any significant issues currently with the trees however they are likely to require careful management as they continue to grow and could become at risk of being felled or inappropriately pruned. In order to protect the trees in the longer term it was considered prudent to make a TPO.

Your officers inspected the trees on 5th October 2017 and carried out a TPO assessment, and found them worthy of an Order. They are considered to be in reasonable health, visually significant and an amenity to the locality, with the prospect of continuing to provide this for many years. The Order was made and served on 9th October 2017 in order to protect the long term well-being of the trees.

Date report prepared

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