

## **Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order**

### **LAND AT PINASTRE, PINEWOOD ROAD, ASHLEY HEATH. TF9 4PR**

#### **Tree Preservation Order No191 (2017)**

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

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

**The Order** protects five trees situated within the garden of Pinastre, Pinewood Road, which is situated on the southern side of Ashley Heath. The Order was made to safeguard the longer term visual amenity that the trees provide after work was carried out that disfigured other trees on the property.

The Order was made using delegated powers on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017. Approval is sought for the Order to be confirmed as made.

**The 6 month period for this Order expires on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Tree Preservation Order No 191 (2017) land at Pinastre, Pinewood Road, Ashley Heath. TF9 4PR, 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 on the north-western and north-eastern boundaries of Pinastre. They are four oak trees and one birch. They are mature and clearly visible from Pinewood Road and to some extent from Heathcote Avenue.

The trees 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. Your officers visited the property on being informed that oak trees on the site had had their crowns removed. On 20 November 2017 your officers inspected all of

the trees on the site and carried out a TPO assessment, and found five of the remaining trees 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 23 November 2017 in order to protect the long term well-being of the trees.

Date report prepared

20 February 2018