

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

Oak tree at Evergreen, Manor Road, Baldwins Gate

Tree Preservation Order No 195 (2018)

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 Oak tree, situated in a visually prominent roadside position at the front of Evergreen on Manor Road.

The provisional Tree Preservation Order was served using delegated powers on 15/05/2018. The consultation period ended on 12/06/2018.

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

The 6 month period for this Order expires on 14th November 2018

RECOMMENDATION

That Tree Preservation Order No 195 (2018), Evergreen, Manor Road, Baldwins Gate be confirmed as made and that the owners of the site be informed accordingly.

Reasons for Recommendation

Background

The individual Oak tree makes an important contribution to the local landscape being a highly visually prominent, positioned on an elevated roadside frontage. The tree is on the edge of the Madeley Park Wood development and makes a valuable contribution to the roadside setting, as well as its contribution to the treed backdrop feature when viewed from public footpaths to the west.

The Oak tree 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.

The tree is of a good shape and form, with a full and healthy crown, and is of a sufficient quality to be retained.

Representations

Following the consultation period no representations were received.

Issues

The tree has been previously crown raised and pruning has also been undertaken to clear branches and foliage from cables. There is also evidence of historic pruning of some

significant limbs, nonetheless, it retains a good shape, and has sufficient space to grow and develop in the future.

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Notifications of the owners' intention to crown reduce the tree due to concerns about its position on a bank, and to let more light into the garden has been received. Officers are of the opinion that a crown reduction on this tree would spoil its appearance and could have a negative effect upon its health.

Upon inspection there are no signs of instability or ill health in the tree, although a climbing inspection (to include previously pruned limbs in the upper crown) would be advised.

Whilst other trees within Evergreen are affected by Tree Preservation Order T7/8, the Oak tree is not covered by this order.

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

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.

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Date report prepared

10th September 2018