

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

LAND AT 135 HIGH STREET, ALSAGERS BANK.

Tree Preservation Order No. 205 (2019)

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

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

The Order protects trees situated to the rear of 135 High Street, Alsagers Bank and on the lane to the southeast of the property. The Order was made to safeguard the longer term visual amenity that the trees provide after tree work was carried out in relation to a pending planning application for a dwelling to be built on the site.

The Order was made using delegated powers on 22nd July 2019. Approval is sought for the Order to be confirmed as made.

The 6 month period for this Order expires on 22 January 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That Tree Preservation Order No 205 (2019), land at 135 High Street, Alsagers Bank, 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 nor progressing plans to develop 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. 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, however your officers have met with the owners with regard to tree requirements in relation to making a planning application for the site.

Issues

The trees are situated to the rear of 135 High Street. They are eight individual deciduous trees located to the rear of the plot and in the adjacent lane. They are mature and clearly visible from High Street.

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.

Planning application number 19/00267/FUL was made in April of this year for a single dwelling on the site. Subsequently on 22nd July 2019 it was reported to the council that trees on the site had been felled, which gave rise to concern that further trees could be removed.

Your officers inspected all of the trees on the site on 22nd July and carried out a TPO assessment, and found the 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 22nd July 2019 in order to protect the long term well-being of the trees.

Date report prepared

25th September 2019