

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

Land at 4 Woodlands View, Tower Road, Ashley.

Tree Preservation Order No222 (2023)

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

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

The Order protects a single mature oak tree within the front garden of 4 Woodlands View, Tower Road, Ashley.

The Order was made to safeguard the longer term visual amenity that the tree provides following submission of tree status enquiry to the council indicating that it was intended to fall the tree.

The Order was made using delegated powers on 2nd June 2023. Approval is sought for the Order to be confirmed as made.

The 6 month period for this Order expires on 2nd December 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Tree Preservation Order No 222 (2022), land at 4 Woodlands View, Tower Road, Ashley, 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 tree is best secured by the making of a Tree Preservation Order. Your officers are of the opinion that the tree is a very good specimen, generally healthy and of sufficient amenity value to merit the making of a Tree Preservation Order. It is considered to be an appropriate species for the locality and provides public amenity value due to its form and visibility from public locations. The making of the Order will not prevent the owner from carrying out good management of the tree 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 tree which is necessary to appropriately manage it.

Representations

No representations have been received.

Issues

The tree is a single specimen. It is an early mature oak tree located on the south-eastern side of the property, on the boundary with Tower Road. It is clearly visible from Tower Road and is an important feature to the locality. It provides a significant contribution to the area and its loss would have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity, not only of the site but also to the locality. The tree was retained as part of the development when the four houses were built; planning application reference 15/00353/FUL

Notification was received that it was proposed to fell the tree to clear it as an obstacle for fixing solar panels to the house. Your officers carried out an assessment of the tree and found it worthy of an Order. It is 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. Although the tree may reduce the efficiency of solar panels most panels are designed to be able to accommodate some tree shading. Technology is available to counter the effects of shading and some pruning is also likely to be possible to improve light penetration. The Order was made and served on 2nd June 2023 in order to protect the long term well-being of the tree.

Date report prepared

14 August 2023