

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order

Land at 9A Appleton Drive, Whitmore.

Tree Preservation Order No224 (2023)

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

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

The Order protects a single mature oak tree on the front garden boundary of 9A Appleton Drive, Whitmore.

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 remove the tree.

The Order was made using delegated powers on 8th June 2023. Approval is sought for the Order to be confirmed as made.

The 6 month period for this Order expires on 8th December 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Tree Preservation Order No 224 (2022 Land at 9A Appleton Drive, Whitmore, 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 fine 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 a mature oak tree located at the front of the property. It is clearly visible from Appleton Drive 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.

A second large tree has in recent years been removed from the adjacent garden.

A tree status enquiry was received by the council indicating that it was proposed to fell the tree due to damage caused to a wall, network cable and the pavement. 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. It is an important feature which visually punctuates the end of the cul-de-sac. The damage being caused to the wall is not disputed, however it is a feature of the entrance gateway, relatively short in length, and does not serve a practical purpose. It is considered that the wall can be rebuilt so as allow for future growth of the tree. It is apparent that the pavement has been repaired and there is no evidence as to any network cable damage. Cable apparatus can be laid to avoid tree roots. The Order was made and served on 8th June 2023 in order to protect the long term well-being of the tree.

Date report prepared

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