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| Development Control Committee | Thursday, 15 December 2016 | Matter for Decision |
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Title: **The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (Land at Draper House, 51 Saffron Road, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 4UL) Tree Preservation Order 2016**

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1. Introduction

This report is to request the Committee to approve confirmation of The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (Land at Draper House, 51 Saffron Road, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 4UL) Tree Preservation Order 2016.

2. Recommendations

That The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (Land at Draper House, 51 Saffron Road, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 4UL) Tree Preservation Order 2016 is confirmed.

3. Information

- 3.1 The Tree Preservation Order (TPO) has been under consideration by Council Officers and members of the public for some time. The site is located adjacent to the railway lines west of Saffron Road, South Wigston. On the site is a large commercial building of very little aesthetic value. The trees around the building create a green screen to soften the look of the building. The TPO was served in response to local residents contacting the Council regarding tree works on the site, though it was originally served as an area TPO. A further site visit and survey was carried out on 23 November 2016. During the course of this visit, all of the trees on site were surveyed and mapped. This has facilitated the identification of trees on site suitable for protection.
- 3.2 The trees selected for protection are those that adhere to the original brief of the TPO. The trees which screen and soften the view do so not only from Saffron Road but also from the units to the rear. The trees omitted from the TPO include those in and around the car park which are of poor quality and form, and do not have sufficient amenity value: this includes some trees to the rear of the building to which public view is restricted.
- 3.3 The original area TPO was served on 20 September 2016 with the 28 day consultation period lapsing on 18 October 2016. The modification prior to confirmation does not require re-consultation as the TPO has not be modified significantly.

Background Documents:-

None.

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| Implications | |
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| Financial (HP) | There are no significant implications. |
| Legal (SB) | All legal requirements have been fulfilled. |

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| Risk (HP) | There are no significant implications. |
| Equalities (HP) | There are no significant implications. |
| | Equality Assessment:- |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |