



Development Control Committee	Thursday, 15 June 2017	Matter for Decision
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Title: **Confirmation of The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (The Grange, Highfield Drive, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 1PP) 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 (The Grange, Highfield Drive, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 1PP) Tree Preservation Order 2016.

2. Recommendations

That The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (The Grange, Highfield Drive, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 1PP) Tree Preservation Order 2016 be confirmed.

3. Information

- 3.1. The Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was created on the request of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) to replace Oadby and Wigston Borough Council Wigston (The Grange) Tree Preservation Order 1974.
- 3.2. The new TPO protects every individual tree on the site as opposed to the previous area Order. IOSH have been very pro-active with their tree management creating a well thought out treescape across the site giving tremendous public visual amenity on one of the main routes into Wigston Town Centre.
- 3.3. One objection was received in regards to T1 (a large ash tree) which sits close the boundary of the property at 159 Leicester Road, Wigston. The grounds of the objection were that: the tree overhung the boundary and shades the property in the summer; the tree drops debris into the property's garden; and the owner-occupier was concerned over the risk of the tree failing or damaging the property in question.
- 3.4. It is my opinion that T1 does not pose a significant risk to the adjacent property as it is regularly surveyed by IOSH's Arboricultural Consultant contractors and is in good health. The tree has been previously pruned and may require some more remedial work in the future, as all urban trees do.

Background Documents:-

The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (The Grange, Highfield Drive, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 1PP) Tree Preservation Order 2016.

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Implications

Financial (CR)	No significant implications.
Legal (AC)	All legal requirements have been duly fulfilled.
Risk (HP)	No significant implications.
Corporate Priorities (HP)	The confirmation of the TPO will further the corporate priority to provide green and safe places by protecting the Borough's trees and natural habitat.
Vision and Values (HP)	The confirmation of the TPO will enable the Council to further its values in relation to accountability and customer focus.
Equalities (HP)	No implications.
	Equality Assessment:-
	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable