

Development Control Committee

Thursday, 15 February 2018

Matter for Information and Decision

Title:

Confirmation of The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (Land at 25 Knighton Rise, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 2RF)

Tree Preservation Order 2017

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1. Introduction

This report is to request the Committee to approve confirmation or otherwise of The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (Land at 25 Knighton Rise, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 2RF) Tree Preservation Order ("the Order") which was made on 6 October 2017.

2. Recommendation(s)

That The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (Land at 25 Knighton Rise, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 2RF) Tree Preservation Order 2017 be confirmed with modifications.

3. Information

- 3.1. A Section 211 Tree Notification (Works to trees in a Conservation Area) (application no. 17/00330/TCA) was made by an agent at the request of the property owner to reduce two lawson cypresses by 50%. Of the two trees subject to the application, one was of sufficient merit to warrant a TPO being put in place on the grounds on amenity.
- 3.2. A provisional TPO was made in response to the request. In compliance with The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, copies of the Order were served on the owners of the property and adjoining neighbours.
- 3.3. A provisional TPO gives immediate protection to trees and remains in force for a period of up to 6 months during which time the Council can decide whether to confirm the Order as made, with modification or not to confirm.
- 3.4. The grounds of making the Order was that the tree is of amenity value to the general public being located in the property frontage adjoining Knighton Rise, Oadby. Proposed works would have significantly affected the form and condition of the tree.
- 3.5. During the statutory objection period which followed the service of the Order, no written representations were received.

Background Documents:

Application No. 17/00330/TCA

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Implications Confirmation of The Borough Council of Oadby & Wigston (Land at 25 Knighton Rise, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 2RF) Tree Preservation Order 2017	
Finance	There are no significant financial implications.
Chris Raymakers (Head of Finance, Revenue and Benefits)	
Legal	All legal requirements have been duly fulfilled.
Dave Gill (Head of Law & Governance / Monitoring Officer)	The report is satisfactory.
Corporate Risk(s) (CR)	□ Reputation Damage (CR4)
Michael Bennetto (Arboricultural Officer)	
Corporate Priorities (CP)	☐ Green & Safe Places (CP4)
Michael Bennetto (Arboricultural Officer)	The confirmation of the Order will further the Corporate Priority to provide green and safe places by protecting the Borough's trees and natural habitat.
Vision & Values (V)	□ Accountability (V1)
Michael Bennetto (Arboricultural Officer)	□ Customer Focus (V5)
Equalities & Equality Assessment(s) (EA)	There are no significant equalities implications.
Michael Bennetto (Arboricultural Officer)	Not Applicable (EA)