

Item No.

## DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE: -

10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

# REPORT OF THE HEAD OF REGENERATION – DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY

## CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 40 OF 2008 ON LAND AT 122 TO 158 THORNHILL ROAD, STREETLY

## 1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek the confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order No 40 of 2008 in a modified form.

#### 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Confirm the Walsall Tree Preservation Order No 40 of 2008 in a modified form (see Report detail for information on the modifications). A plan showing the Tree Preservation Order is attached to this report.
- (ii) Support the reason for making the Tree Preservation Order set out in the report detail, paragraph 1.1.
- (iii) Note that no representations have been received in respect of this Tree Preservation Order.

## 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within budget, in general, new Tree Preservation Orders generate additional applications for consent and increase officers' workload.

## 4. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Within Council policy – YES

#### 5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The owners and future owners of this site will be required to apply for Council permission if they wish to fell or prune any tree protected by the Tree Preservation Order. Failure to do this renders anyone carrying out unauthorised works to trees liable to criminal proceedings.

## 6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

NOT APPLICABLE

## 7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The management of Walsall's tree cover through the administration of the Tree Preservation Order system has positive implications in protecting trees for their visual and environmental benefits. Removal of protected trees is often necessary because trees have a finite lifespan and may also cause nuisance or damage. In these instances the Council has to decide whether the removal of protected trees is justified. In the event that felling a tree is permitted, the Council can secure replacement planting to maintain tree cover.

## 8. WARD(S) AFFECTED

The Tree Preservation Order 40 of 2008 is located within Streetly Ward.

## 9. CONSULTEES

Owners and near neighbours were sent copies of the Tree Preservation Order and invited to make representations to the Council in either opposition or support of this Tree Preservation Order. Any response is described within the report.

## 10. CONTACT OFFICER

Cameron Gibson - Extension: 2453

## 11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

File PD1/17/866 relating to Tree Preservation Order No 40 of 2008.

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## 1.0 **REPORT DETAIL.**

- 1.1 The Tree Preservation Order No 40 of 2008 was made on 25 November 2008. It is part of the Streetly Tree Preservation Order Review process approved by this committee on 18 July 2006. This Tree Preservation Order serves to replace and bring up to date the protection of amenity offered by elements of Tree Preservation Order 24 of 1981 and was made for the following reasons:
  - There have been changes in legislation since the original Tree Preservation Order was created.
  - There have been changes to the tree population with a considerable loss of trees from the original Tree Preservation Order.
  - It has become expedient to remove some trees from the order, whilst other unprotected trees in the area merit inclusion to ensure the continuity of the areas leafy aspect.
  - The process of review and the creation of new Tree Preservation Orders seek to stem the loss of prominent and potentially valuable amenity trees, with a view to retaining a long-term tree population and the overall leafy aesthetic that makes Streetly distinctive within the Borough of Walsall.
- 1.2 The minimum six week period allowed for objection to the Order expired on 6 January 2009. No responses have been received.
- 1.3 It was later noted that three of the trees (T18, T19, T20) were recorded as being on land at the front of 140 Thornhill Road whereas they are situated on land at the front of 138 Thornhill Road. This anomaly appears to only affect the First Schedule of the Order as the location of the trees on the TPO Map appears correct. Therefore, a new First Schedule has been created and attached, together with the old First Schedule, to this report for information.
- 1.4 The Committee is therefore recommended to confirm Tree Preservation Order No 40 of 2008 in its modified form.

#### **SCHEDULE 1**

## **SPECIFICATION OF TREES**

## Trees specified individually

(encircled in black on the map)

| Reference on map | Description    | Situation   |
|------------------|----------------|---|
| T1               | Oak            | On the plot of land at the front of No 158 Thornhill Road.  |
| T2               | Cherry         | On the plot of land at the front of No 156 Thornhill Road.  |
| Т3               | Magnolia       | On the plot of land at the front of No 156 Thornhill Road.  |
| T4               | Oak            | On the plot of land at the front of No 156 Thornhill Road.  |
| T5               | Birch          | On the plot of land at the front of No 154 Thornhill Road.  |
| T6               | Robinia        | On the plot of land at the rear of No 154 Thornhill Road.   |
| Τ7               | Robinia        | On the plot of land at the rear of No 152 Thornhill Road.   |
| Т8               | Robinia        | On the plot of land at the rear of No 152 Thornhill Road.   |
| Т9               | Robinia        | On the plot of land at the rear of No 152 Thornhill Road.   |
| T10              | Fir            | On the plot of land at the rear of No 152 Thornhill Road.   |
| T11              | Oak            | On the roadside boundary of the plot of land at the front of 148 Thornhill Road.                                    |
| T12              | Horse chestnut | On the boundary and at the extreme north<br>east corner of the plot of land at the front of<br>148 Thornhill Road.  |
| T13              | Sycamore       | On the south boundary of the plot of land at the south side of the junction of Thornhill Road and Millcroft Road.   |
| T14              | Oak            | On the roadside boundary of the plot of land at the front of 142 Thornhill Road.                                    |
| T15              | False cypress  | On the roadside boundary of the plot of land at the front of 140 Thornhill Road.                                    |
| T16              | Oak            | On the plot of land at the front of 140 Thornhill Road.   |
| T17              | Horse chestnut | On the plot of land at the front of 138<br>Thornhill Road - at the south east corner, of<br>the roadside boundary.  |
| T18              | Lawson cypress | Western most tree of three mature Lawson cypresses in a row on the plot of land at the front of 138 Thornhill Road. |
| T19              | Lawson cypress | Middle tree of three mature Lawson cypresses in a row on the plot of land at the front of 138 Thornhill Road.       |

# Trees specified individually (Continued) (encircled in black on the map)

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| T20  | Lawson cypress | East most tree of three mature Lawson cypresses in a row on the plot of land at the front of 138 Thornhill Road.          |  |  |
| T21  | Weeping willow | On the southern boundary of the plot of land at the back 136 Thornhill Rd.  |  |  |
| T22  | Birch          | On the plot of land at the rear of<br>136 Thornhill Road, and alongside the<br>boundary with 134 Thornhill Rd.            |  |  |
| T23  | Birch          | On the plot of land at the rear of<br>136 Thornhill Road, and alongside the<br>boundary with 134 Thornhill Rd.            |  |  |
| T24  | Birch          | On the roadside boundary of the plot of land at the front of No 134 Thornhill Road.                                       |  |  |
| T25  | Rowan          | On the plot of land at the front of 130 Thornhill Road.   |  |  |
| T26  | Oak            | On the plot of land at the front of 130 Thornhill Road.   |  |  |
| T27  | Cherry         | On the north boundary of the plot of land at the north side of No 130 Thornhill Road.                                     |  |  |
| T28  | Cherry         | On the north boundary of the plot of land at the north side of No 130 Thornhill Road.                                     |  |  |
| T29  | Oak            | A large mature oak on the plot of land at the rear of 130 Thornhill Road.   |  |  |
| T30  | Oak            | On the roadside boundary of the plot of land at the north side of No 130 Thornhill Road and opposite No 6 Thornhill Park. |  |  |
| T31  | Oak            | On the plot of land at the front of 122 Thornhill Road.   |  |  |
| T32  | Ash            | By the western boundary of the plot of land at the rear of 122 Thornhill Road.  |  |  |
| T33  | Weeping Ash    | By the western boundary of the plot of land at the rear of 122 Thornhill Road.  |  |  |
| Trees specified by reference to an area<br>(within a dotted black line on the map) |                |   |  |  |
| Reference on map<br>None   | Description    | Situation   |  |  |

Groups of trees

(within a broken black line on the map)

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Description

## Woodlands

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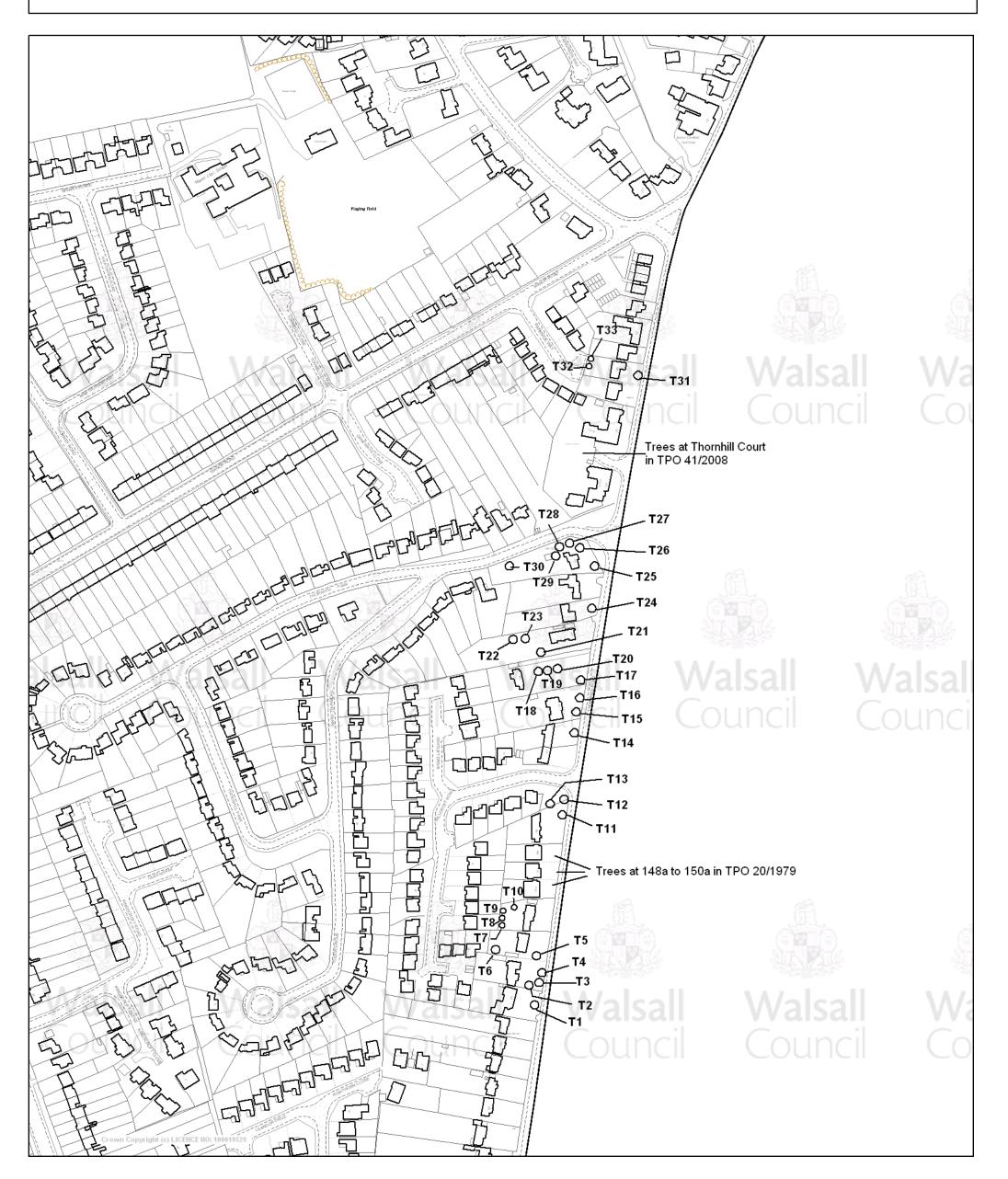
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