



PLANNING COMMITTEE: –

01 March 2012

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF REGENERATION - DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY

CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 11 OF 2011 ON LAND OUTSIDE THE FRONT BOUNDARY OF 11, PARK HALL ROAD, WALSALL, WS5 3HF.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order 11 of 2011.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Confirm the Walsall Tree Preservation Order 11 of 2011 in an unmodified form. A plan showing the Tree Preservation Order and a schedule of the trees is attached to this report.
- (ii) Support the reason for making the Tree Preservation Order set out in the report detail, paragraph 10.
- (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 11 of 2011 is located within the Paddock 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.

REPORT DETAIL

10. The Tree Preservation Order 11 of 2011 was made on 18 October 2011. The trees are visually prominent in the street scene and were protected for the following reasons:

- The trees form a prominent landscape feature in the local area and will continue to provide an important item of landscape quality in the future.
- The trees add to the amenity and diversity of the immediate area and will continue to provide an important item of landscape quality in the future.
- A mature Lime tree has recently had inappropriate pruning works undertaken by persons unknown and the council considers that the making of a Tree Preservation Order on this tree and others in the vicinity will deter any further works.
- The Council's Unitary Development Plan identifies policies for protection of the trees and green spaces

11. The minimum six week period allowed for objection to the Order expired on 30 November 2011. No representations have been received.

12. The Committee is therefore recommended to confirm Tree Preservation Order No 11 of 2011 in an unmodified form.

13. **CONTACT OFFICER**

Andrew Cook - Extension: 2447.

14. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

File PD1/17/927 relating to Tree Preservation Order 11 of 2011.

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SCHEDULE 1

TPO 11 of 2011 SPECIFICATION OF TREES

Trees specified individually (encircled in black on the map)

| Reference on map | Description | Situation |
|------------------|-------------|---|
| T1 | Lime | Outside the front boundary of 11, Park Hall Road, WS5 3HF |
| T2 | Beech | Outside the front boundary of 11, Park Hall Road, WS5 3HF |
| T3 | Beech | Outside the front boundary of 11, Park Hall Road, WS5 3HF |

Trees specified by reference to an area (within a dotted black line on the map)

| Reference on map | Description | Situation |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| None | | |

Groups of trees (within a broken black line on the map)

| Reference on map | Description | Situation |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| None | | |

Woodlands (within a continuous black line on the map)

| Reference on map | Description | Situation |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| None | | |



TPO 11 of 2011 Land outside the front boundary of 11, Park Hall Road, WS5 3HF

