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PLANNING COMMITTEE: –

21 October 2010

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF REGENERATION - DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY

**CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 13 OF 2010 ON LAND AT 55, SKIP LANE, WALSALL, WS5 3LW.**

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek the confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order 13 of 2010.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Confirm the Walsall Tree Preservation Order 13 of 2010 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 13 of 2010 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 13 of 2010 was made on 05 May 2010. 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.
  - The resident of 55, Skip Lane has recently removed significant established Oak trees from the rear garden of the property and as a result two local residents from Woodfield Close have contacted the council requesting a TPO be made on the remaining trees on site to ensure their retention. The making of a provisional TPO will also allow the council the opportunity to consider the trees should a planning application be made in the future to develop the rear garden of the property.
  - 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 16 June 2010. No representations have been received.
12. The Committee is therefore recommended to confirm Tree Preservation Order No 13 of 2010 in an unmodified form.

13. **CONTACT OFFICER**

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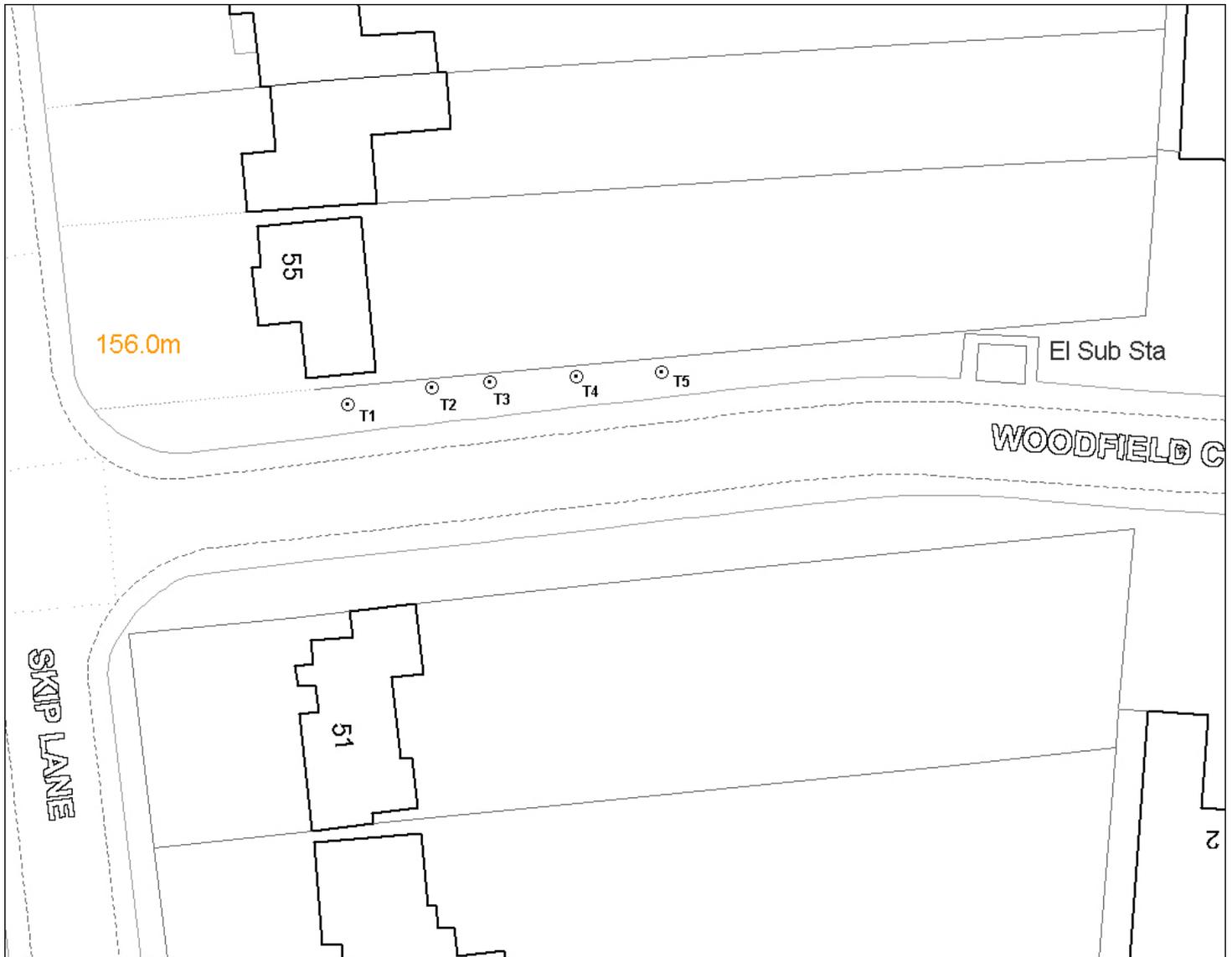
14. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

File PD1/17/914 relating to Tree Preservation Order 13 of 2010.

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TPO 13/2010 land at 55, Skip Lane, Walsall, WS5 3LW.



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