



Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE: –

30TH March 2005

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR URBAN REGENERATION

CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 17 OF 2004 ON LAND TO THE REAR OF 17 AND 13 PORTLAND ROAD, ALDRIDGE.

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek permission from this Committee for the confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order No.17 of 2004.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Confirm the Walsall Tree Preservation Order No 17 of 2004 in unmodified form. A plan showing the Tree Preservation Order marked T1 –T4 is attached to this report.
- (ii) Support the reason for making the Tree Preservation Order set out in paragraph 1.2.

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 17 of 2004 is located within Aldridge Central and South

9. **CONTACT OFFICER**

Gordon Dewdney - Extension: 2447

10. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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1.0 **REPORT DETAIL.**

1.1 The Council's tree officers were called to examine the impact to trees of a redevelopment application on Nos. 7 -19 Portland Road, Aldridge. Four trees were found within the footprint of the proposed development which were considered worthy of retention.

1.2 The reasons for making Tree Preservation Order 17 of 2004 are as follows;

‘the trees included in the proposed Tree Preservation Order are visually prominent specimens which contribute to the visual amenity of the neighbourhood and provide environmental benefits’.

2.0 **Representations.**

2.1 The minimum six week period allowed for objection to the Order expired on 1st March 2005. No responses have been received.

1.4 The Committee is therefore recommended to confirm Tree Preservation Order No. 17 of 2004 in unmodified form.

