

MAIN CASE

Proposal: Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order E/02/11

Location: 84, Longmeadow, Lode, Cambs.

Applicant: N/A

Agent: N/A

Reference No: TPO/E/02/11

Case Officer: Cathy White, Senior Trees Officer

Parish: Lode

Ward: Bottisham
Ward Councillors: Councillor Kevin Ellis
Councillor Robert Stevens

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1.0 THE ISSUE

To confirm a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) for one Walnut tree in the garden of 84 Longmeadow, Lode, Cambs. This matter is being referred to Committee, as there is a requirement to confirm the TPO within six months to ensure the trees are protected for public amenity.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Walnut tree is visible to the public when viewed from Longmeadow and contributes to the amenity of the local landscape in and around Longmeadow. It is recommended that this unopposed TPO be confirmed, without modifications, as no objections were received in the 28 days consultation period that ended on 9th May 2011.

3.0 COSTS

If a TPO is made and confirmed, then subsequent applications made for tree works would carry with them an opportunity to claim compensation if, as a result of the Council's decision, the applicant suffers any loss or damage within 12 months of that decision being made.

4.0 **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required.

5.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 5.1 The Trees Officer was consulted on planning applications reference 11/00184/FUL and 11/00185/FUL for a new dwelling on the adjacent property 86 Longmeadow, in close proximity to the Walnut tree. The TPO ensures that this Walnut tree is fully considered in relation to any proposed development of the site or adjacent sites.
- 5.2 The Walnut tree protected in this TPO is considered to be an important feature in the locality and contributes to the public amenity and green infrastructure of the local area.
- 5.3 The Walnut tree is in reasonable health, and visible to the public from Longmeadow. The TPO allows for replacement tree planting when the tree needs to be removed, ensuring the continuation of tree cover in the local landscape.
- 5.4 To ensure the Walnut tree is protected and retained within the local landscape, a TPO was served under Section 201 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. The TPO was made on 7th April 2011 and after the statutory consultation period, requires confirmation within six months.
- 5.5 No written objections to the serving of the TPO were received.

6.0 **CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1 The TPO is unopposed and should be confirmed without modifications. This will ensure the one Walnut tree in the garden of 84 Longmeadow, Lode, is protected and its contribution to the amenity, biodiversity and green infrastructure of the local area is fully considered in relation to any future proposed development of the site or adjacent sites, likely to impact on the tree, and any future tree work is carried out to an approved, professional arboricultural specification and standard. The TPO status gives recognition of the visual importance of the tree and the positive contribution the tree makes to the character of the area.

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location(s)</u>	<u>Contact Officer(s)</u>
TPO E/02/11 Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Town & Country Planning	Cathy White, Senior Trees Officer Room No. 012	Cathy White Senior Trees Officer 01353 665555 cathy.white@eastcambs.gov.uk

(Trees) Regulations 1999 The Grange
DETR Tree Preservation Ely
Orders A Guide to the
Law and Good Practice
(March 2000)
East Cambridgeshire
District Local Plan 2000
and TPO records.
Planning Applications
11/00184/FUL &
11/00185/FUL