

REPORT TO:	PLANNING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 5
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REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 560 - 78 MOIRA ROAD, WOODVILLE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	WOODVILLE	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That this tree preservation order should be confirmed.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider confirmation of this Tree Preservation Order.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was made on 16 February 2024 in respect of 8no. trees including 4no. sycamore and 4no. lawson cypress on the land at 78 Moira Road, Woodville, to the northwest of Moira Road and south of Vicarage Road. The tree group is prominent on Moira Road.
- 3.2 The TPO was made following the Case Officer's site visit for planning application ref. DMPA/2024/0079, which identified trees of amenity value. This was subsequently confirmed by the Tree Officer who visited the site on 1 February 2024. The Tree Officer surveyed the site and attributed TEMPO scores of 16-18 to the 8no. trees. There are other trees within the site, including silver birch and an Atlantic cedar, which the Tree Officer did not recommend protecting, due to the existing conflict of the silver birches with a BT overhead line and the cedar having outgrown the location.
- 3.3 One letter of objection was received in response to the consultation on the making of the TPO. The objection was prepared by a qualified arboriculturist and included detailed information and photographs submitted on behalf of an interested party. It included a detailed assessment of the condition of the trees proposed to be protected and highlighted:
- T1 (Lawson cypress) is suppressed with minimal room for future growth;
 - T2 and 73 (Lawson cypress) have mediocre form;
 - T4 (sycamore) observed to be outside the application site boundary for planning ref. DMPA/2024/0079;
 - T5 (sycamore) structural condition has been affected by previous management;

- T8 was misidentified by the Council's Tree Officer and comprises a Leyland rather than Lawson cypress that would likely outgrow the location.

3.4 The Council's Tree Officer reviewed the objection and concurred with most of the observations made in the objection. The TEMPO scores for the trees were revised accordingly, except for T4 which is good condition and located adjacent to the site. It was advised that the protection of the 3no. sycamore trees T4, T6 and T7 on the frontage of the site would be sufficient to maintain the amenity of the area.

4.0 Planning Assessment

4.1 It is expedient in the interests of amenity to make the tree group the subject of a TPO in accordance with advice set out in the PPG and as per recommendations made by SDDC's Tree Officer. It is recommended that Schedule 1 of the Order be revised to reflect that 5no. trees have been removed following the consultation process. The numbering of the remaining 3no. trees should be updated such that T7 is now T1, T6 is now T2 and T4 is now T3.

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 It is expedient in the interests of amenity to preserve.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 None.

7.0 Corporate Implications

7.1 Protecting visually important trees contributes towards the Corporate Plan theme of Sustainable Development.

8.0 Community Implications

8.1 Trees that are protected for their good visual amenity value enhance the environment and character of an area and therefore are of community benefit for existing and future residents helping to achieve the vision for the Vibrant Communities theme of the Sustainable Community Strategy.