# SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO.157

DIRECTORATE: COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

REPORT AUTHOR: KIERON MANNING, PLANNING MANAGER

### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To have confirmed one (temporary) Tree Preservation Order made by the Planning Manager under delegated powers. The Order currently provides 6 months of temporary protection for the trees, but is required to be confirmed by the Planning Committee to provide long term future protection.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 A Tree Preservation Order gives statutory protection to trees that contribute to the amenity, natural heritage or attractiveness and character of a locality.
- 2.2 The making of any Tree Preservation Order is likely to result in further demands on staff time to deal with any applications submitted for consent to carry out tree work and to provide advice and assistance to owners and others regarding protected trees. This is, however, contained within existing staffing resources.
- 2.3 The making of Tree Preservation Orders reduces the risk of losing important trees, groups of trees and woodlands. It further allows the Council to protect trees that contribute to local environment quality.
- 2.4 The process of applying for work to protected trees allows for elected members, and members of the public to have an opportunity to comment on work to protected trees.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 Tree Preservation Order 157 was made on 21 June 2018 protecting 2no. Beech trees in the front garden of 118 Doddington Road, Lincoln, LN6 7HB.
- 3.2 The trees are considered to contribute to the visual amenity of the area and the unauthorised removal of the trees would be considered to be detrimental to visual amenity.
- 3.3 The initial 6 months of protection would end for the Tree Preservation Order on 21 December 2018.

### 4. Consideration

4.1 Tree Preservation Order 157: 2no. Beech trees in the front garden of 118 Doddington Road, Lincoln, LN6 7HB.

The reason for making a Tree Preservation Order on this site is as a result of written request from the owner of 118 Doddington Road, Lincoln, LN6 7HB.

The Arboricultural Officer identified the trees, following a site visit, to be healthy, stable and mature specimens of high amenity value and considers them suitable for protection under a Tree Preservation Order.

The Arboricultural Officer advised that T1 is a mature specimen with a bifurcation of the main stem at approximately 1.6 metres above ground level, where two major stems arise and support the remaining crown. The tree appear to be reasonably health and stable and there are no apparent indications of the presence of significant disease or decay. Crown development on the east-facing side has been suppressed due to the presence of Beech T2. The tree has been pruned and managed in the past and the crown has only minor deadwood present. Some of the crown branches on the north side have reverted and appear green as opposed to the copper colour of the remaining crown.

The Arboricultural Officer advised that T2 is a mature specimen with a crown break at approximately 5 metres above ground level. The tree appears to be reasonably healthy and stable and there are no apparent indications of the presence of significant disease or decay. Crown development on the west-facing side has been suppressed due to the presence of Beech T1. The tree has been pruned and managed in the past and the crown has only minor deadwood present. Some of the crown branches on the east facing side extend over the eastern boundary and the front garden of the neighbouring property, 116 Doddington Road.

Following the statutory 28 day consultation period no objections have been received to the order.

Confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order here would ensure that the trees could not be removed or worked on without the express permission of the Council.

## 5. Organisational Impacts

5.1 Legal Implications – Anyone who wishes to carry out works to the trees will require consent from the City Council first.

## 6. Recommendation

6.1 It is recommended Members confirm the Tree Preservation Order without modifications, and that the Officer carries out the requisite procedures for confirmation.

How many appendices does None the report contain?

List of Background Papers: None

Lead Officer:

Kieron Manning, Planning Manager Telephone (01522) 873551 Tree Preservation Order 157: 2no. Beech trees in the front garden of 118 Doddington Road, Lincoln, LN6 7HB.

Map showing location of trees



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

#### Doddington Road No.8 Tree Preservation Order 2018

- T1 Beech T2 Beech

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