

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	<b>Remarkable Place</b>
<b>Decision Title:</b>	<b>Shearwater Trees</b>
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To consider options and determine a course of action in response to complaints from a neighbour, relating to trees damaging his garden wall. 7 trees adjacent the wall, 3 directly. A number of mature pines.
<b>Decision:</b>	To retain the trees and repair the wall, reshaping it marginally into the neighbour's garden so as to safeguard the trees and provide a reasonable solution.
<b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:</b>	<u>Rejected options.</u> 1. Remove all or some trees and repair the wall. 2. Offer to rebuild the wall further into the neighbour's garden, so as to leave the trees.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	The trees are in good health and preceded the building of the boundary wall. They are significant mature specimens, and despite potentially being the cause of damage to the wall, pose no identified extra risk to the property (house) than any other trees in that situation. The damaged wall is manageable without posing a risk to persons. The neighbour has refused to permit the wall to be moved to within his existing property boundary.
<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call In?</b>	Yes
<b>Does the decision relate to any exempt information?</b>	No

Signed: .....



**Councillor Bob Bushell, Portfolio Holder for Remarkable Place**

Date of Decision: **23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**