

SUBJECT:	CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO.159
DIRECTORATE:	COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT
REPORT AUTHOR:	KIERON MANNING, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - PLANNING

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.

3. Background

- 3.1 Tree Preservation Order 159 was made on 24th September 2020 protecting 2no. Lime trees in the front garden (facing Gibraltar Hill) of Lindens, 3 Gibraltar Hill, Lincoln, LN1 3BW
- 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 24th March 2021.

4. Consideration

The reason for making a Tree Preservation Order on this site is as a result of an application submitted on behalf of the occupants to remove the trees. The trees are protected under Conservation Area No.1 - Cathedral And City Centre.

The Arboricultural Officer identified the trees, following a site visit, to be suitable

for protection under a Tree Preservation Order stating that both trees show signs of vigour, with no significant signs of decline and that both trees have a high amenity value and their removal would have a significant effect on the aesthetic appearance of the area.

Furthermore, there has been a history of site slippage in this area and the removal of these trees may lead to land destabilisation.

Following an extended 34 day consultation period no objections have been received to the order.

5. Strategic Priorities

- 5.1 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 159 would ensure that the trees would not be removed or worked on without the express permission of the Council which would be considered detrimental to visual amenity and as such the protection of the trees would contribute to enhancing our remarkable place.

6. Organisational Impacts

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

7. Recommendation

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

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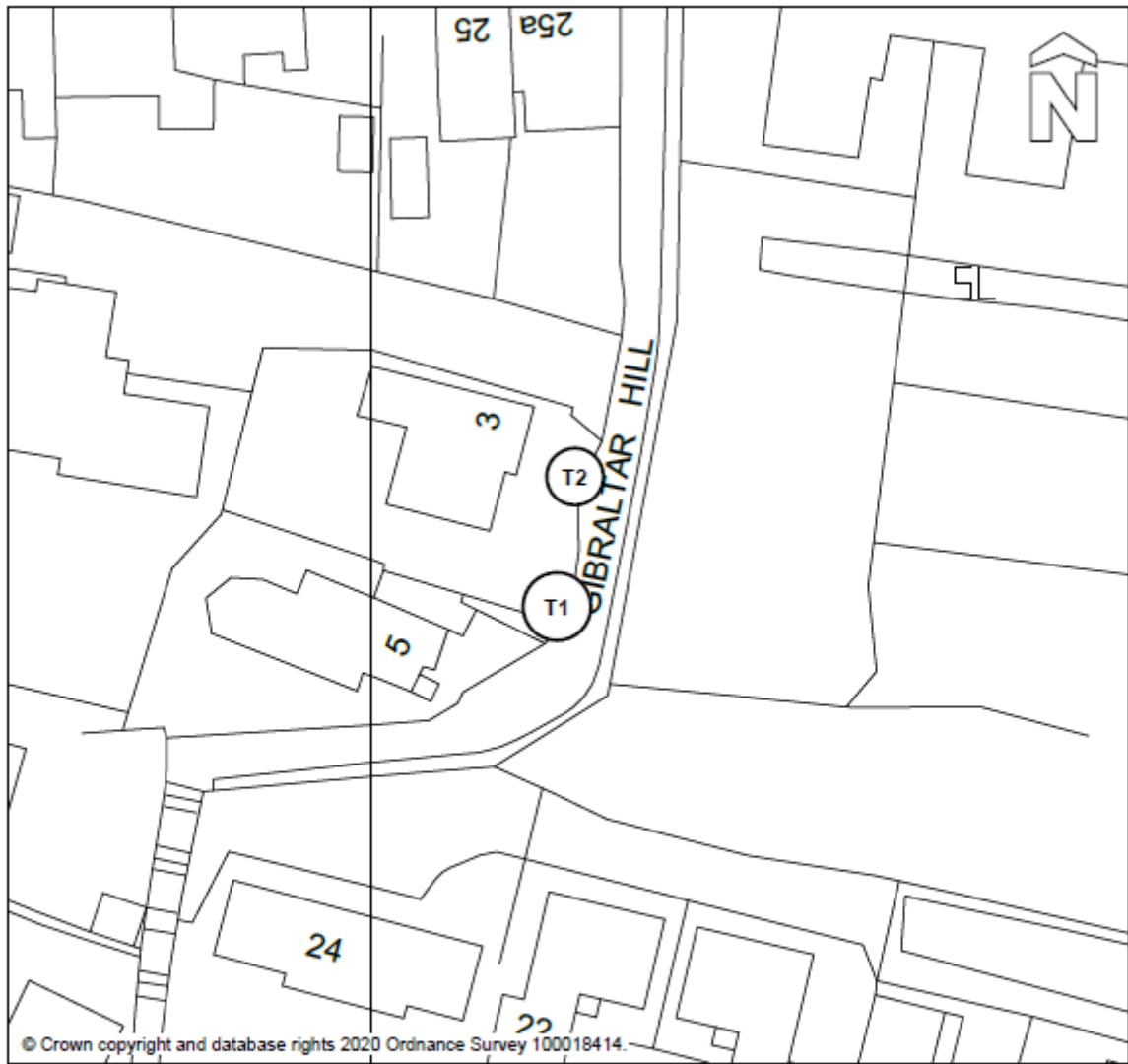
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List of Background Papers:

None

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

Gibraltar Hill No.1 Tree Preservation Order 2020

T1 - Lime

T2 - Lime



Image 01. T1 - Lime Tree



Image 02. T2 - Lime Tree