

SUBJECT:	CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO.161
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 161 was made on 06th May 2021 protecting 1no. Purple Leaved Beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea') tree in the front garden of 18 Drury Lane, Lincoln, LN1 3BN.
- 3.2 The tree is 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 14th November 2021.

4. Consideration

The reason for making a Tree Preservation Order on this site is as a result of a request received from Dave Walker, Arboricultural Officer. The tree is located within Conservation Area No. 1 – Cathedral and City Centre.

The Arboricultural Officer identified the trees to be of extremely high amenity value (using the Helliwell System) and therefore it is considered to be suitable for protection under a Tree Preservation Order. Additionally, the removal would have a significant effect on the aesthetic appearance of the area.

Following an extended 55-day period of consultation there have been no objections to the order.

5. Strategic Priorities

- 5.1 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 161 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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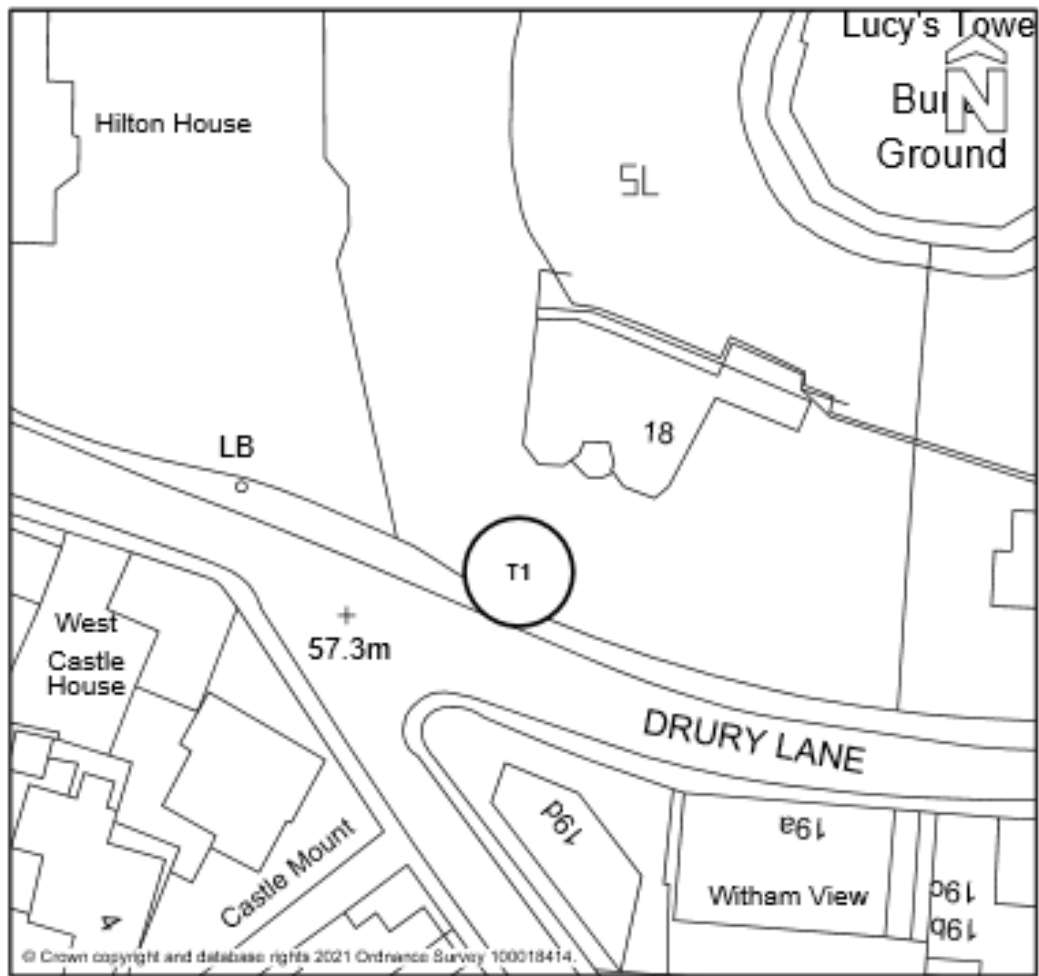
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List of Background Papers:

None

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Drury Lane No.1 Tree Preservation Order 2021

T1 - Purple Leaved Beech