

SUBJECT:	CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO.162
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 162 was made on 10th May 2021 protecting 2no. Mulberry (*Morus Nigra*) trees in the rear garden of 3 Greestone Place, Lincoln, LN2 1PP.
- 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 10th 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 following a site visit with the occupier of 3 Greestone Place. The tree is located within Conservation Area No. 1 – Cathedral and City Centre.

The Arboricultural Officer identified the trees to be suitable for protection under a Tree Preservation Order stating that both trees have a high amenity value and their removal would have a significant effect on the aesthetic appearance of the area.

Following an extended 51-day period of consultation there have been no objections to the order.

5. Strategic Priorities

- 5.1 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 162 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.

How many appendices does the report contain?

None

List of Background Papers:

None

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

Greestone Place No.1 Tree Preservation Order 2021

T1 - Mulberry

T2 - Mulberry