

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO.172

DIRECTORATE: COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

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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 172 was made on 26th May 2022 protecting 1no. Acer Pseudoplatanus (Sycamore) and 1no. Aesculus Hippocastanum (Horse Chestnut) tree in the back garden of Greestone House, Greestone Place, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, 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 26th November 2022.

4. Consideration

The reason for making a Tree Preservation Order on this site is as a result of an application from the occupants to fell both of the trees. The property is located within a conservation area which is why consent was required. During the application process the Arboricultural Officer attended a site visit and identified the

trees to be suitable for protection under a Tree Preservation Order stating that the trees have a high amenity value and the removal would have an effect on the aesthetic appearance of the area.

Following a 6 week consultation period no objections have been received to the order.

5. Strategic Priorities

- 5.1 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 172 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 tree would contribute to enhancing our remarkable place.

6. Organisational Impacts

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

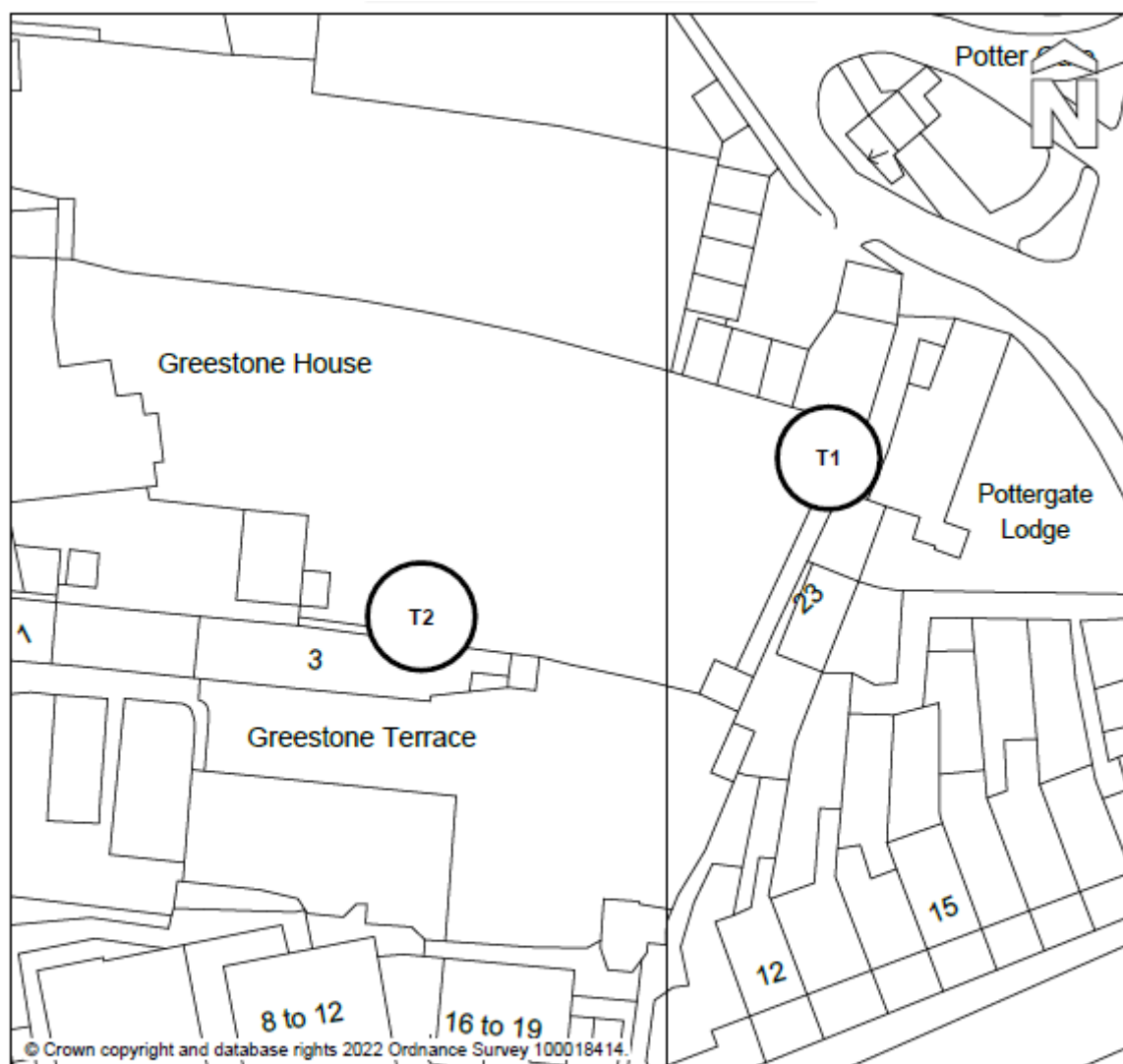
7. Recommendation

- 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 House No.1 Tree Preservation Order 2022

T1 - Sycamore

T2 - Horse Chestnut



T1 - View looking north illustrating the tree (Sycamore) location and impact on the steps, wall (Grade II listed) and adjacent building.



T2 - View looking south illustrating the proximity of the tree (*Aesculus hippocastanum*)