SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO.173

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 173 was made on 27th June 2022 protecting 2no. Prunus Avium (Wild Cherry), 14no. Acer Pseudoplatanus (Sycamore) and 3no. Fraxinus Excelsior (Ash) tree in an area of open green space at Albion Crescent, Lincoln.
- 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 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

#### 4. Consideration

The reason for making a Tree Preservation Order on this site is as a result of a request from local residents who wanted to ensure no loss of trees from any future development on the site. The Arboricultural Officer carried out a site visit and identified the trees to be suitable for protection under a Tree Preservation Order stating that the trees have a significant amenity value, forming a prominent feature

of the area and their removal would have an effect on the aesthetic appearance of the area.

A 4 week consultation period was undertaken with local residents and a copy of the Tree Preservation Order was sent to the registered land owners at two separate addresses, however both notifications to the registered land owners were returned by Royal Mail. On this basis, a site notice was displayed and no objections have been received to the order.

# 5. Strategic Priorities

5.1 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 173 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 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.

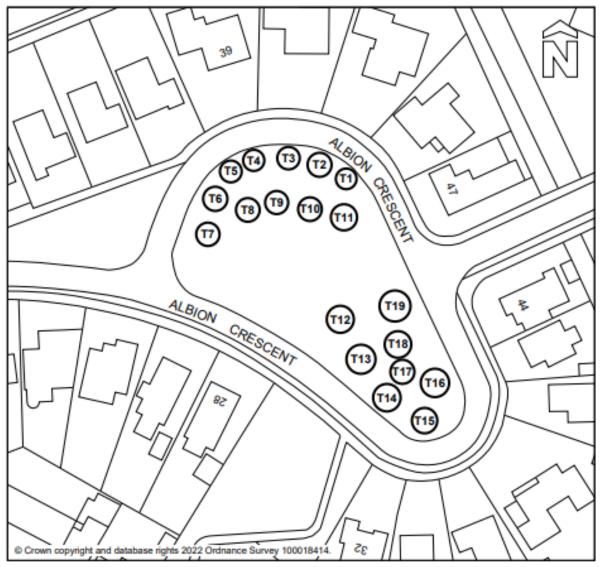
How many appendices does

the report contain? None

List of Background Papers: None

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#### Albion Crescent No.2 Tree Preservation Order 2022

T1 - Wild Cherry T15 - Sycamore T2 - Sycamore T16 - Sycamore T3 - Ash T17 - Wild Cherry T4 - Sycamore T5 - Sycamore T19 - Ash

T6 - Sycamore T7 - Sycamore T8 - Sycamore T9 - Sycamore T10 - Sycamore T11 - Sycamore

T12 - Sycamore T13 - Sycamore

T14 - Ash

