

SUBJECT:	CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 179
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 179 was made on 28th September 2023 protecting 1no. Prunus Cerasifera Nigra (Cherry Plum) tree in the grounds of 16 Drury Lane, Lincoln, LN1 3BN.
- 3.2 The trees is considered to contribute to the visual amenity of the area and the unauthorised removal of the tree 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 28th March 2024.

4. Consideration

The reason for making a Tree Preservation Order on this site is as a result of an application to carry out extensive pruning works which would be well in excess of British Standard 3998. The property is located within a conservation area which is why consent was required. During the application process the Arboricultural Officer discussed the proposed work with the agent, who indicated their client

would seek to remove the tree entirely should the extensive pruning work not be permitted. On this basis, a Tree Preservation Order was sought to prevent this tree being felled.

Following a 7-week consultation period no objections have been received to the order.

5. Strategic Priorities

- 5.1 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 179 would ensure that the tree 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?

One

List of Background Papers:

None

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