

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO.185

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 Assistant Director of Planning under delegated powers. The order currently provides 6 months of temporary protection for the trees but is required to be confirmed by 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 185 was made on 15th April 2024 protecting a Fagus Sylvatica (Purpurea) within the grounds of Hilton Lodge, Union Road, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN1 3BJ .
- 3.2 The tree is considered to contribute to the visual amenity of the area and the unauthorised removal of, or works to, 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 15th October 2024.

4. Consideration

The provisional Tree Preservation Order was made following a request to carry out extensive canopy reduction work, amounting to approximately 50% of the canopy.

The Councils Arboricultural Officer visited the site to inspect the tree and using the Arboricultural Association approved 'Helliwell System' of Visual Amenity of Trees and Woodlands, considers this tree to be of high amenity value. The tree appears

to form part of an aerodynamic canopy with an adjoining Beech and this adds to the aesthetic appearance of the castle and cathedral skyline when viewed from the South.

The agent, on behalf of the applicant, suggests that several large limbs have fallen from this tree in the past, however this species is prone to summer drop.

Consultations have been carried out with both the landowner and adjoining properties and no objections to the order have been received.

5. Strategic Priorities

- 5.1 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 185 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 the Tree Preservation Order be confirmed without modification and that delegated authority be granted to the Assistant Director of Planning to carry out the requisite procedures for confirmation.

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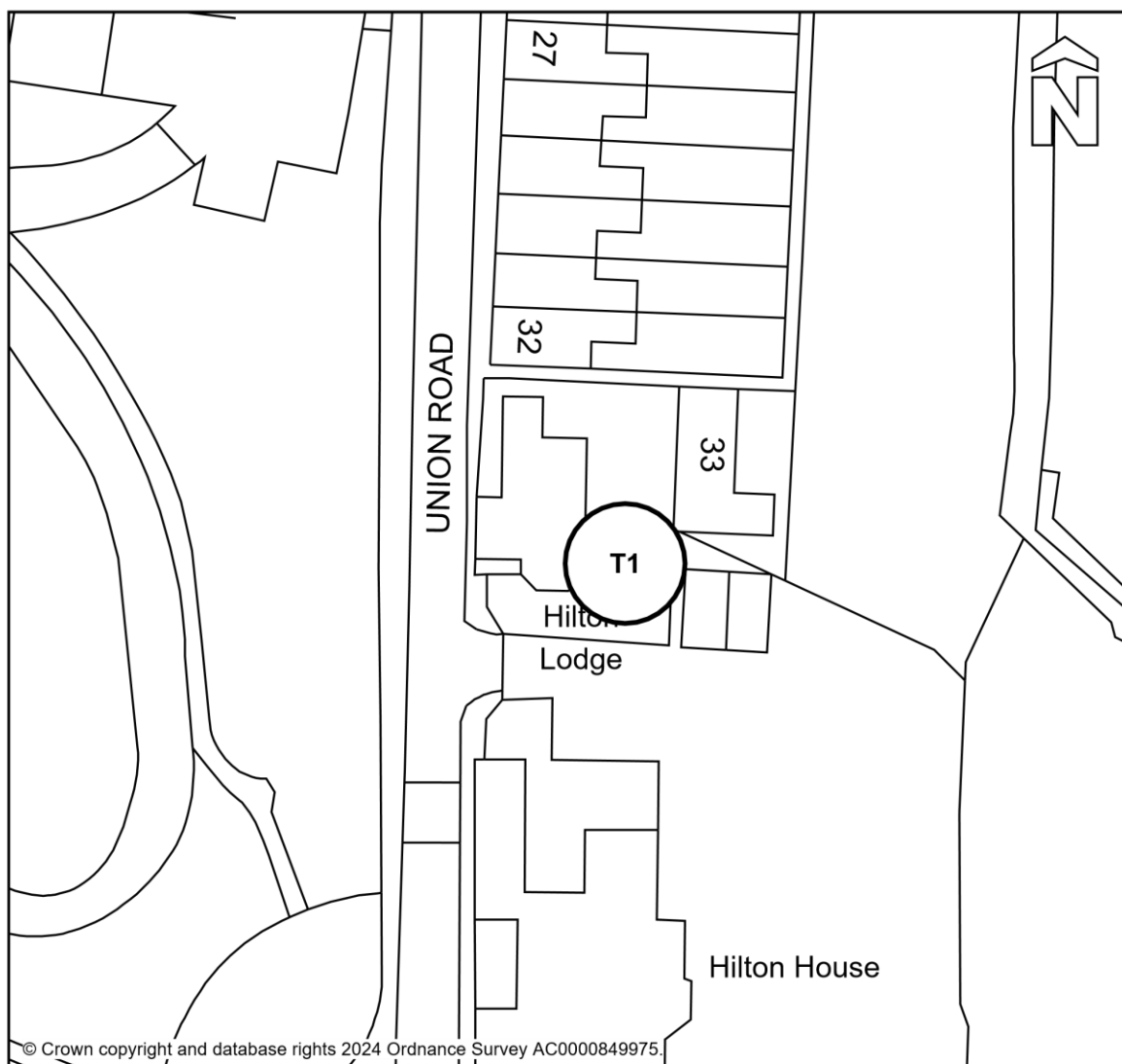
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List of Background Papers:

None

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Hilton Lodge No.1 Tree Preservation Order 2024

T1 - Purpurea

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