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| <b>SUBJECT:</b>       | <b>CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 188</b>   |
| <b>DIRECTORATE:</b>   | <b>COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT</b>                   |
| <b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b> | <b>KIERON MANNING, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - PLANNING</b> |

## **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 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 188 was made on 07 October 2024 protecting 2 Acer Pseudoplatanus (Sycamore) within the grounds of Pottergate Lodge, Lindum Road, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN2 1NS.
- 3.2 The trees are considered to contribute to the visual amenity of the area and the unauthorised removal of, or works to, 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 7 April 2025.

## **4. Consideration**

The provisional Tree Preservation Order was made following an application to fell the 2 trees, which are located within Cathedral and City Centre No.1 Conservation Area.

The Councils Arboricultural Officer visited the site to inspect the trees and using the Arboricultural Association approved 'Helliwell System' of Visual Amenity of

Trees and Woodlands, considers the trees to be of high amenity value. The trees were both in full leaf, showed no signs of dieback, pests or diseases and were mechanically balanced at the time of their visit.

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

## **5. Strategic Priorities**

- 5.1 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 188 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 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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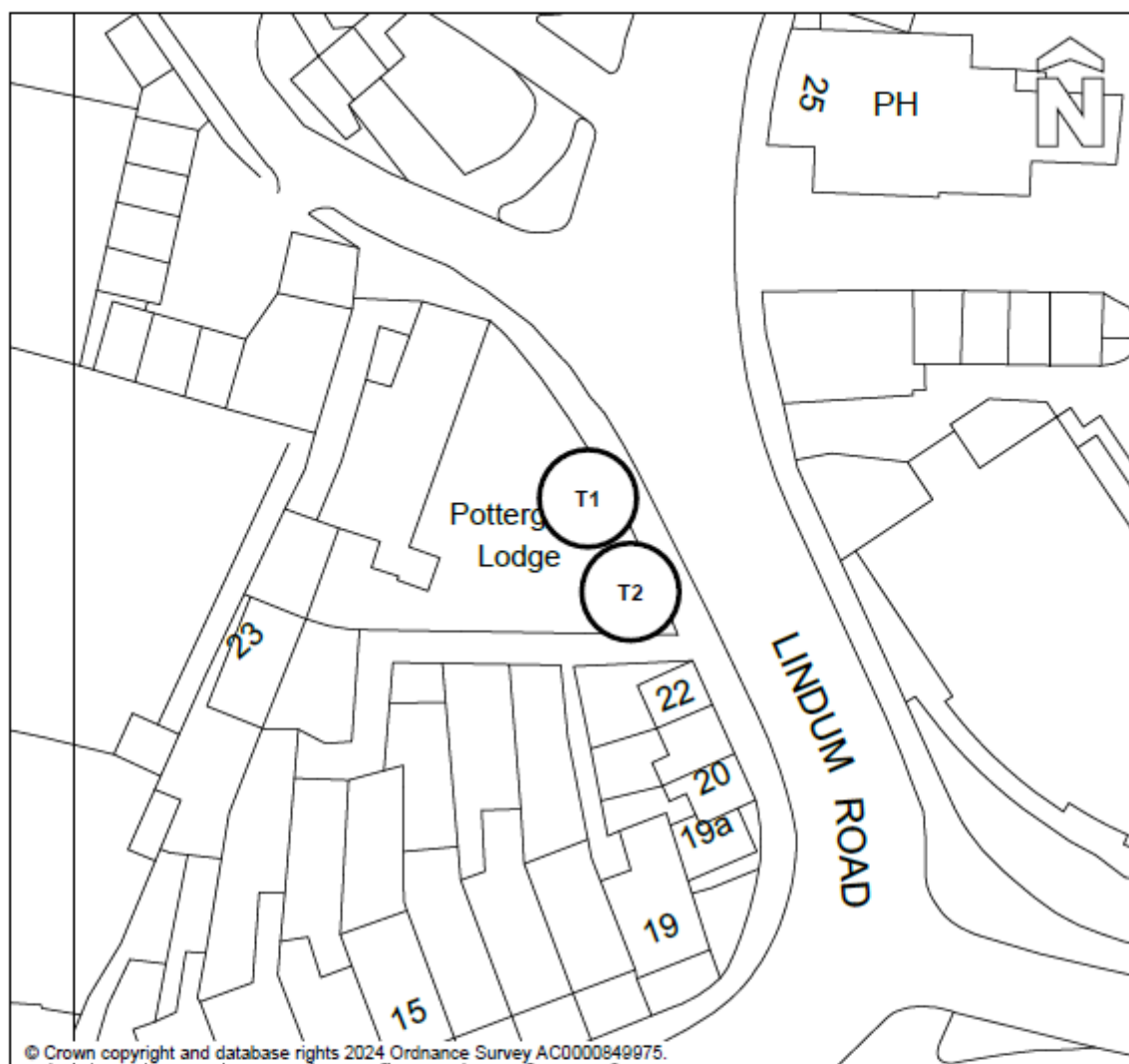
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**List of Background Papers:**

None

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

### Pottergate Lodge No.1 Tree Preservation Order 2024

T1 - Acer Pseudoplatanus (Sycamore)

T2 - Acer Pseudoplatanus (Sycamore)



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