



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Planning & Highways Committee Report

Report of: Director of City Growth Service

Date: 22 October 2021

Subject: Tree Preservation Order No. 443,
High Street Beighton, Sheffield, S20 1HA

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Summary: To seek confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 443

Reasons for Recommendation

To protect a tree of visual amenity and historical value to the locality

Recommendations Tree Preservation Order No. 443 should be confirmed unmodified.

Background Papers: A) Tree Preservation Order No. 443 & map attached.
B) Email request for TPO
C) Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) assessment attached.

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CITY GROWTH SERVICE

REPORT TO PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

9th November 2021

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 443
HIGH STREET, BEIGHTON, SHEFFIELD, S20 1HA

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 443.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Tree Preservation Order No.443 ('the Order') was made on 27th May 2021 to protect 5 large mature Sycamore trees (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) located within the curtilage of 21, 23, 25, 27 & 31 High Street Road, Sheffield, S20 1HA. A copy of the Order, with its accompanying map, is attached as Appendix A.

2.2 All five Sycamore trees are located close to the front boundaries of the properties and clearly visible from High Street, as well as the surrounding houses. They are all of considerable age and stature and offer considerable public amenity to the area. They have strong visual amenity, as well as arboricultural merit, making these trees worthy of retention.

2.3 The Council was informed by a concerned resident who lives locally that the tree at number 31 was under threat, with plans for it to be removed as part of renovation works to the house. They saw this tree (and others) as being worthy of statutory protection through a formal TPO (See Appendix B).

2.4 A condition inspection of the trees was carried out by Sheffield City Council's Tree Officer at the time, Peter Simpson MICFor MArborA. The trees were found to be in good health when inspected and had no obvious health and safety reasons requiring major intervention, like tree removal, which would negate the tree's contribution to the amenity of the locality or its arboricultural merit.

2.5 A Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) assessment was carried out which demonstrated the trees are all significantly sized specimens of good health and showing little sign of decline. The trees are of fine form and arboricultural merit and contribute significantly to the character of the area (See Appendix C). The Council therefore considered it expedient to make the TPO so as to protect the trees from the threat of removal in the interests of amenity.

- 2.6 No objections to the Order have been received by the public.
- 3.0 VISUAL AMENITY ASSESSMENT
- 3.1 All 5 trees are large specimens, visible from the surrounding houses along High Street and the wider neighbourhood. Their visual amenity was clearly identified as a key component of the TEMPO assessment
- 4.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS
- 4.1 There are no equal opportunities implications.
- 5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS
- 5.1 There are no environmental and property implications based on the information provided.
- 5.2 Protection of the tree detailed in Tree Preservation Order No.443 will benefit the visual amenity of the local environment.
- 6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
- 6.1 There are no financial implications.
- 7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
- 7.1 A local authority may make a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) where it appears that it is expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees or woodlands in their area (Section 198, Town and Country Planning Act 1990).
- 7.2 A TPO may prohibit the cutting, topping, lopping or uprooting of the trees which are the subject of the Order. It may also prohibit the wilful damage or destruction of those trees. Any person who contravenes a TPO shall be guilty of an offence and liable to receive a fine of up to £20,000.
- 7.3 The local authority may choose to confirm a TPO it has made. If an Order is confirmed, it will continue to have legal effect until such point as it is revoked. If an Order is not confirmed, it will expire and cease to have effect 6 months after it was originally made.
- 7.4 A local authority may only confirm an Order after considering any representations made in respect of that order. As discussed, a detailed response by the serving Tree Officer has been provided to the single objection.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION
- 8.1 Recommend Provisional Tree Preservation Order No.443 be confirmed.

