



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Planning & Highways Committee Report

Report of: Director of City Growth Service

Date: 07 October 2021

Subject: Tree Preservation Order No. 442,
11 Broomfield Road, Sheffield, S10 2SE

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Summary: To seek confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 442

Reasons for Recommendation

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

Recommendations Tree Preservation Order No. 442 should be confirmed unmodified.

Background Papers: A) Tree Preservation Order No. 442 & map attached.
B) Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) assessment attached.

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CITY GROWTH SERVICE

REPORT TO PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

19th October 2021

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 442

11 BROOMFIELD ROAD, SHEFFIELD, S10 2SE

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 442.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Tree Preservation Order No.442 (‘the Order’) was made on 29th April 2021 to protect 3 large mature Beech trees (*Fagus Sylvatica*) located within the curtilage of 11 Broomfield Road, Sheffield, S10 2SE. A copy of the Order, with its accompanying map, is attached as Appendix A.

2.2 All three Beech trees are located close to the boundary of the property and visible from Broomfield road as well as the surrounding houses. They are all of considerable age and stature and a component of the leafy character of the Broomhill Conservation Area. They offer strong visual amenity, as well as arboricultural merit. The visual amenity, combined with their contribution to character of this Conservation Area make these trees worthy of retention.

2.3 The site sits within the Broomhill Conservation Area, so the trees were already protected to a limited extent by Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. This requires that notice is served upon the Council before works to a tree can be carried out. This gives the Council the opportunity to make a Tree Preservation Order where that is considered expedient. Notice was served on the Council on 18th March 2021 with intention of removing these 3 trees, along with a cherry tree on site. Consent for the removal of the cherry tree was granted by the Council because of its limited amenity value. Consent was not granted for the removal of any of the three Beech trees. A formal Tree Preservation Order was therefore considered expedient in order to fully protect these trees in the long-term.

2.4 A condition inspection of the trees was carried out by Sheffield City Council’s Tree Officer at the time, Tom Planner MICFor MArborA. The trees were found to be in good health when inspected and had no obvious health and safety reasons requiring major intervention which would negate the tree’s contribution to the amenity of the locality or its arboricultural merit. A TEMPO assessment was carried out following the inspection which confirmed the amenity value and supported the protection of the tree (see Appendix B).

- 2.5 The TEMPO Assessment 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.
- 2.6 No objections to the Order have been received by the public.
- 3.0 VISUAL AMENITY ASSESSMENT
- 3.1 The trees are all large specimens, visible from both Broomfield Road, the surrounding houses and the wider neighbourhood.
- 3.2 A Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) assessment was carried out by Urban & Environmental Design's serving Tree Officer, Tom Planner, and is attached as Appendix B. The assessment produced a clear recommendation for protection.
- 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.442 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.442 be confirmed.

Michael Johnson, Chief Planning Officer