Agenda Item No. 5

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Planning Committee

29 September 2015

Report Title. Wolverhampton City Council (34 Riley

Crescent) Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 2015

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responsibility

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1. Summary Recommendation

1.1 Confirm the TPO

2. The site

2.1 The tree covered by the TPO is located to the north eastern side boundary of a semidetached residential property within the Pennfields Conservation Area.

3. Details

- 3.1 The tree is a sizeable and fully mature Oak Tree which is in good condition and form with a high amenity value in that it is visible from the public areas within the Conservation Area.
- 3.2 The owners of the tree notified us that they wished to carry out works to the tree which was afforded protection as it is located within the Conservation Area. The protection under the Conservation Areas legislation effectively ends once a notification has been received and a decision as to whether the tree requires specific protection has to made.
- 3.3 The Tree Preservation Order was made and served on 13th May 2015 in accordance with section 198(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 providing immediate provisional protection that lasts for six months and long-term protection once authorities confirm them after considering any objections or representations

4. Planning History

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- 4.1 TREE/0170/07/TN Prune Branches over house and drive Permitted
- 4.2 TREE/0178/09/TN Lifting and reduction of crown Permitted

5. Objections

5.1 One objection has been received; however the objection makes no relevant observations.

6 Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report KR/17092015/P

7. Appraisal

- 8.1 The Oak tree is an important part of the character and appearance of the Pennfields Conservation area and is visible from Riley Crescent and all surrounding properties. The tree is over 12 metres high, and is of good balanced form. It has an estimated healthy life span in excess of fifty years.
- 8.2 It is expedient on the interests of amenity to make provision for the preservation of this tree as removal would have a significant impact on the local environment.

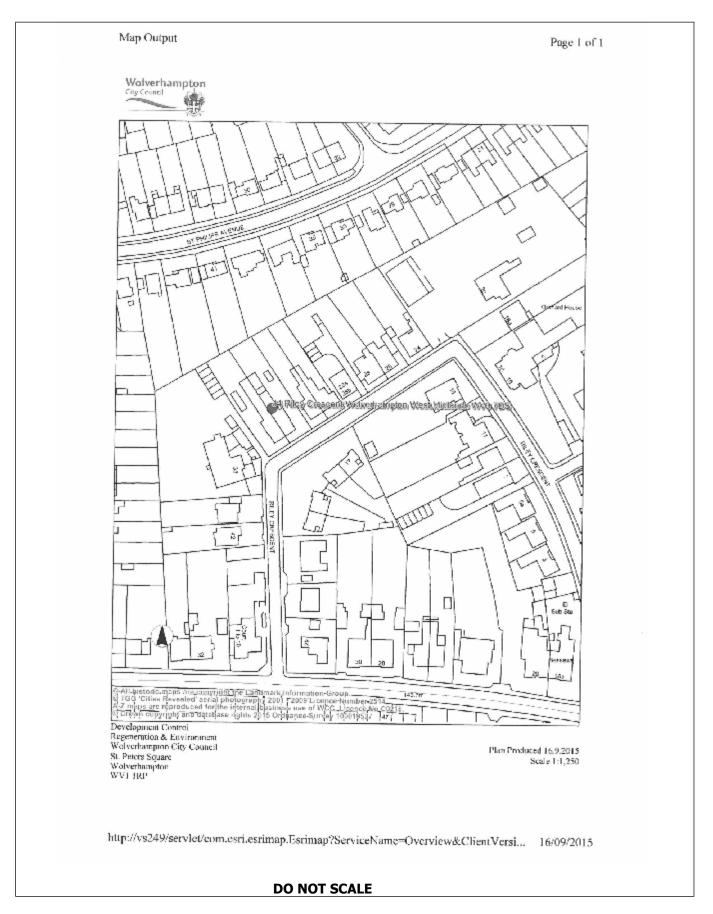
9. Conclusion

9.1 The amount of amenity value derived from the tree would justify the confirmation of the order.

10. Detailed Recommendation

10.1 Confirm the order.

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