

# Planning Committee

## Tuesday, 19 April 2016

<b>Planning application no.</b>	15/00011/TPO	
<b>Site</b>	First Finchfield Scout Group Kingsclere Walk	
<b>Proposal</b>	Confirm Tree Preservation Order	
<b>Ward</b>	Merry Hill;	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Peter Bilson Economic Regeneration and Prosperity	
<b>Accountable Director</b>	Nick Edwards, Service Director, City Assets	
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### 1.0 Summary recommendation:

1.1 Confirm the Tree Preservation Order

### 2.0 Application site

2.1 The tree (T1) is located on the western side of the land belonging to the Scout Group.

### 3.0 Application details

3.1 The tree is a large maturing Oak tree which has good form and is in good condition and with a high amenity value in that it is visible from the public areas and highways within the locality.

3.2 A Tree Preservation Order was served on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and the Local Authority have six months in which to confirm it.

### 4.0 Objections

4.1 One objection has been received. That the tree may inhibit sun light if solar panels are fitted in the future.

## **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 If it appears to a local planning authority that it is expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for preservation of trees they may make an order to that effect. Before confirming the Order the local planning authority must consider any objections and representations duly made.(LD/31042016/C)

## **6.0 Appraisal**

- 6.1 The Oak tree is an important part of the character and appearance of the Merry Hill area and is visible from Langley road, Bhylls lane and all surrounding properties. The tree is over 10 metres high, and is of good balanced form. It has an estimated healthy life span in excess of fifty years.
- 6.2 The fitting of solar panels to the scout hut is not currently proposed and is not a material consideration.
- 6.3 It is expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for the preservation of this tree as removal would have a significant impact on the local environment.

## **7.0 Conclusion**

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

## **8.0 Detailed recommendation**

- 8.1 Confirm the order.

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O/S coordinates (easting): 388396

O/S coordinates (northing): 296998

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