

REPORT OF THE LANDSCAPE OFFICER (ARBORICULTURE)
TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE
25 SEPTEMBER 2006

Tree Preservation Order (Sutton Courtenay) No. 4 2006

1.0 Introduction and Report Summary

- 1.1 Following an application to carry out works in a Conservation Area received on 1st February 2006 at 2 The Green, Sutton Courtenay the site was inspected to see if the works were appropriate. Four trees in the garden were to be felled, including an early mature walnut tree, and one sycamore was to be pollarded. A letter of objection was received from Sutton Courtenay Parish Council asking that the walnut should remain. Of the trees in the garden the walnut has the most merit and will soon develop into a tree that can be clearly seen by the public and be an asset to the Conservation Area therefore it was decided to protect it with a TPO. A map showing the location of the walnut tree is attached as an Appendix.
- 1.2 An objection was received to the order from the resident Mrs. J Wilkinson.
- 1.3 The contact officer for this report is George Reade, Landscape Officer (Arboriculture) 01235 520202 x 504.

2.0 Recommendations

that the Order be confirmed.

3.0 Relationship with the Council's Vision, Strategies and Policies

This report relates to the Council's Vision in that it supports objectives A,D and G.

4.0 Background Information

4.1 Summary of objections

1. The tree takes all the light to the detriment of surrounding fruit trees.
2. The walnut leaves sour the land and cannot be rotted down in the compost.
3. Squirrels cause a mess when eating the nuts in July /August.
4. The tree makes growing vegetables difficult in the garden.

4.2 Officers Comments

This walnut, along with a similar size red horse chestnut in the garden of 7 The Green, Sutton Courtenay protected by a TPO in June of this year, will form an important part of the treescape of Sutton Courtenay in the near future. It is important to have a succession in the age structure of a population of trees such as the one in this village.

The objections to this order show the tree to be inconvenient but with the permission given to remove and pollard the other trees in the garden its problems will get less. I do not believe they are good enough reasons to remove the tree.

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