

REPORT OF THE LANDSCAPE OFFICER (ARBORICULTURE) TO THE
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE
MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 2007

Tree Preservation Order (Abingdon) No 3 2007

1.0 Introduction and Report Summary

- 1.1 During April of this year I was contacted by Mr MacIntyre of 7 Nash Drive, Abingdon OX14 55P asking if he could remove some trees adjacent to his property.
- 1.2 I visited the site and identified a group of 4 Norway maples on the grass area next to the property that were easily visible from Nash Drive, Ely Close and Medicott Drive which provided a high degree of public amenity (site plan attached). As these were the trees under threat they were protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
- 1.3 Objections to the TPO were received from Mr MacIntyre of 7 Nash Drive, Abingdon.
- 1.4 It is recommended that the Members visit the site.
- 1.5 Contact Officer for this report is George Reade, Landscape Officer (Arboriculture) 01235 540504 from whom directions are available.

2.0 Recommendation

that the Order be confirmed.

3.0 Relationship with the Councils Vision

- 3.1 This report relates to the Council's Vision in that it helps protect and improve our natural environment.

4.0 Background Information

4.1 Summary of the Objections

1. The trees prevent off road parking that would ease congestion in the area.
2. The trees may have an adverse influence on a current planning application for a dwelling on this piece of land.

4.2 Officers Comments

As mentioned before this group of trees form a significant visual amenity for the area being clearly visible from many of the surrounding roads. They are only just reaching maturity and are in good condition so they will continue to be an asset for many years to come. I feel it would be wrong if some of these trees were removed to facilitate parking. As mentioned several times before in these TPO confirmation reports it is not the purpose of a TPO to prevent development it is the quality and

value of the trees that is at issue. These trees have a long useful life expectancy and benefit the area significantly so they should be preserved.

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