

# Planning Committee

## Tree Preservation Order (no. 01/2011) Various trees at Allotments, Oxford Road, Bletchington

16 June 2011

### Report of Head of Strategic Director Planning, Housing & Economy

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the confirmation of an unopposed Tree Preservation Order (no.01/2011) relating to a various trees (copy plan attached as Appendix 1) at Allotments, Oxford Road, Bletchington.

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#### Recommendations

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The meeting is recommended:

- (1) To confirm the Order without modification

#### Background Information

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- 2.1 The Scheme of Reference and Delegation authorises the Strategic Director Planning, Housing and Economy to make Tree Preservation Orders under the provisions of Section 201 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, subject to there being reason to believe that the tree in question is under imminent threat and that its retention is expedient in the interests of amenity. The power to confirm Tree Preservation Orders remains with the Planning Committee.
- 2.2 The above mentioned Tree Preservation Order was authorised and made on 21 January 2011. The statutory objection period has now expired and no objections were received to the Order.

## **Key Issues for Consideration/Reasons for Decision and Options**

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3.1 None

### **Implications**

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**Financial:** The cost of processing the Order can be contained within existing estimates.

Comments checked by Joanne Kaye, Service Accountant PH & E 01295 221552

**Legal:** The Committee should confirm the Order if it is expedient in the interests of amenity to preserve the tree.

Comments checked by Nigel Bell, Team Leader – Planning & Litigation 01295 221687

**Risk Management:** The existence of a Tree Preservation Order does not remove the landowner's duty of care to ensure that such a tree is structurally sound and poses no danger to passers by and/or adjacent property. The TPO legislation does contain provisions relating to payment of compensation by the Local Planning Authority in certain circumstances, but these relate to refusal of applications to carry out works under the Order and no compensation is payable for loss or damage occurring before an application is made.

Comments checked by Claire Taylor, Corporate Strategy and Performance Manager 01295 221563

### **Wards Affected**

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### **Document Information**

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<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 1	Plan
<b>Background Papers</b>	
NONE	
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