

Planning Committee

Item 8

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Report of Head of Professional/ Commercial Services Author

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Title Lisle Road/Hyderabad Close/Brigade Grove, Colchester

Wards New Town and Christ Church

affected

This report concerns a Tree Preservation Order to protect: 6 Copper Beech; 4 Beech; 7 Norway Maple and 1 Sycamore

1.0 Reason for Referral to the Planning Committee

1.1 This tree preservation has been referred to the planning committee as a result of an objection received regarding the confirmation of the order.

2.0 Synopsis

2.1 The key issues explored below is whether the trees listed have sufficient amenity value to merit the confirmation of the tree preservation order 02/16

3.0 Site Description and Context

- 3.1 The trees in question are situated within the rear gardens of Hyderabad Close & Brigade Grove and within the public open space between the two roads.
- 3.2 The trees in question have been in place for a number of years and previously marked the southern boundary of the Hyderabad barracks.
- 3.3 The trees in question are thought to be in excess of 100 years old and form a pleasant sylvan back drop to the new development adding age, differing texture and colour to the development now in place. The trees also provide pleasant screen between Lisle Road and the new development.
- 3.4 As individuals some of the trees are of limited value but given the extent of public visibility from numerous locations, including glimpsed and partial views creating a back drop to the development and given their age and size they are considered to be of high value as a group.

4.0 Description of the Proposal

4.1 To confirm the Tree Preservation Order 02/16

5.0 Representations

5.1 There has been one letter of objection which raises the issue of visibility and quality of the Sycamore tree.

6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 The objection raised to the confirmation of the order is accurate in so much as the value of the individual tree in question is limited but taking that tree in context as part of a longer line of trees it is afforded a higher value.
- 6.2 The group as a whole are of significant value to the immediate residents but also to the public as a whole and therefore do merit the protection afforded by the tree preservation order.

7.0 Recommendation

7.1 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 02/16

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