PLANNING COMMITTEE 9 FEBRUARY 2010

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREES) REGULATIONS 1999

SUMMARY

This report seeks to confirm the Tree Preservation Order placed on the tree specified in this report.

REPORT

The trees are located at: 32 Avenue Road N6

Species: T1: Lime, T2: Lime

Location: T1: Front garden of 32 Avenue Road N6

T2: Between front garden of 30 and 32 Avenue N6

Condition: Good

The Council has received 2 objections to the confirmation of the Tree Preservation Orders on the following grounds:

- 1. Trees have grown to a very large size and evidence of building subsidence is visible
- 2. Trees are Tilia which were planted at the time of original development and intended to be kept under control by regular pleaching or pruning.
- 3. Trees drip an unpleasant sticky material during summer causing minor damage to vehicles and potential hazard to footpaths.
- 4. Contribution to bio-diversity is very important but can be maintained by consistent control or replacement by smaller ornamental varieties.
- 5. Trees cut an unacceptable amount of sun and day light.

The Council Arboriculturalist has considered these objections and reported as follows:

Having considered the objections received it is recommended that a Tree Preservation Order should be confirmed on the following grounds:

- 1. The trees are highly visible to local residents from a public place; being clearly visible from Avenue Road.
- 2. The trees are native species and create an important habitat for wildlife, increasing local bio-diversity. They provide a food source and shelter for a variety of local wildlife, including invertebrates, birds and mammals.
- 3. The trees are mature specimens, having good form and appear healthy for their age and species. Lime trees can live for between 150 200 years.
- 4. The trees have a long safe useful life expectancy and respond well to regular pruning.

5. The trees contribute significantly to the natural character of the local area.

RECOMMENDATION

The Tree Preservation Order upon the aforementioned tree under Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 be confirmed.

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