PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE 20 FEBRUARY 2012

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 tree is located at: St Luke's Hospital, Woodside Avenue, N10

Species: T1: Indian Horse Chestnut

T2: Horse Chestnut

G3: Horse Chestnut, Lime, Acacia G4: Horse Chestnut x 6, Sycamore G5: Lime, Yew x 4, Ash, Beech

Location: Hospital Grounds

Condition: Good

The Council's Arboriculturalist has reported as follows:

A Tree Preservation Order should be attached on the following grounds:

- 1. The trees are located in a Conservation Area and may be at risk during future development of the site.
- 2. The trees are of significant amenity value, being clearly visible to all local residents.
- 3. The trees appear healthy for their age and species, are predominantly mature specimens and have a predicted life expectancy of 20 40 years +.
- 4. The trees appear suitable to their location, contributing to the character f the Conservation Area and increasing local biodiversity.
- 5. The trees provide valuable screening to any proposed re-development of the site.
- 1 objection letter received from Veronica Lam and Michale Schabas of 28 and 30 Grand Avenue N10 as follows:
 - Trees are not of special interest and there should be no restriction on pruning them
 - Branches extending into rear garden and particular growing towards brickwork and roofing gutters of no 30 Grand Avenue

The Council Arboricultural Manager has commented on these objections as follows:

- The trees are located in a Conservation Area and are within or in close proximity to the development site. The TPO is necessary to provide robust statutory protection.
- The revised TPO which is being presented does not include the trees adjacent to no 30 Grand Avenue, as they do not fulfil the required criteria for TPO status.

Taking into accounts the comments of the Arboricultural Manager the Planning Committee is recommended to confirm the Tree Preservation Order.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Paul Smith

Head Of Development Management