### 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: Cascade Avenue, Tennis Courts, N10

Species: T1: Horse Chestnut

T2: Horse Chestnut

Location: See map

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 of high amenity value, being clearly visible from a public place.
- 2. The tree appears healthy for its species and age. They have a predicted life expectancy of 50 years.
- 3. The trees are suitable to their location; significantly contributing to the character of the Conservation Area.
- 2 objection letters received from Stephen Cunningham (joint owner of tennis court site) and Mrs J Algie and Ms J E E Burton of 57 Etheldene Avenue N10 as follows:

Tree (T2) has an ill-formed specimen and is not of high amenity value

Tree (T2) not suitable to its location due to machinery required to enter site for the future

Tree (T2) detracts from the character of the area

Tree (T1) is very close to property and potential cause for concern

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

- The trees can be managed in future by regular pruning to reduce the risk of damage to nearby buildings and also to allow sufficient light to filter through to the surrounding gardens and living spaces within the adjacent properties
- Request for a TPO received from the Trustees of Cascade Avenue Tennis
  Cpurts, due to the current lease of the tennis courts expiring and uncertainty
  about the future use of the site.

The TPO is necessary as there is a foreseeable threat to the trees.

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.

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