

**APPEALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE**  
**30TH JANUARY 2023**

**Report of the Head of Governance and Human Resources**

BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD (KINGS LANE SOUTH CROXTON) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2022

The above order relates to trees within a woodland (W1) situated at Kings Lane, South Croxton.

The Council's Head of Planning and Growth considers that the trees make a significant contribution to the visual amenity and biodiversity of the area. The woodland protected by this order is a broadleaved plantation, dominated by ash and extending over approximately 1 Ha. Approximately 10% of the woodland has been clear felled. Leicestershire County Council are in receipt of an application to divert a footpath which crosses the woodland. However, it is unclear why such extensive clearance was considered necessary to realise the diversion. No proposal has been made to replant along the current footpath route and so the Head of Planning and Growth considers the woodland to be at risk. Therefore, he considers it appropriate to ensure that the trees are properly protected and retained in a satisfactory manner through the making of this Tree Preservation Order.

Therefore, an Order was made on 9th September 2022 to provisionally protect the trees.

A copy of the Order is attached at **Annex 1**.

Objections to the Order were received as follows:

- (i) from A D and G N Coombs, owners of a small area of the site;
- (ii) from Mr Whitfield, solicitor acting on behalf of the owner of the remainder of the site, Mr Blyth.

Copies of the objections are attached at **Annex 2**.

The Head of Planning and Growth's comments on the issues raised in the objections are attached at **Annex 3**.

The Committee is asked to consider the issues raised by the objectors and the comments of the Head of Planning and Growth in accordance with the procedure set out and to determine whether or not the Tree Preservation Order should be confirmed and, if so, whether with or without modification.

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