

**APPEALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE
21ST AUGUST 2023**

Report of the Head of Governance and Human Resources

BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD (JUBILEE WALK GI CORRIDOR – TICKOW LANE TO ROCKINGHAM CLOSE, SHEPSHED) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2023

The above order relates to woodlands W1 (all trees of whatever species) and W2 (all trees of whatever species) situated on Jubilee Walk from Tickow Lane to Tamworth Close and on Jubilee Walk from Tamworth Close to Rockingham Close in Shepshed respectively.

The Council's Head of Planning and Growth considers that the trees make a significant contribution to the visual amenity, character and appearance of Shepshed.

A request was received from Shepshed Town Council and a Ward Councillor to place the wooded corridor concerned under formal protection. Concern had been raised following on-going incidents where householders backing northern embankment had undertaken works felling and disfiguring to mature specimens and cleared some of the understory. The Head of Planning and Growth considered it prudent to take a precautionary approach to ensure that the trees, which range from high canopy to understory species, were protected so that they could be under proper care and attention. He considers the trees to be worthy of retention, being the principal elements of this important GI corridor and that it is 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 24th March 2023 to provisionally protect the trees.

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

An objection to the Order was received from the occupier of 16 Rockingham Close.

A copy of the objection is attached at **Annex 2**.

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

The Committee is asked to consider the issues raised by the objector 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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