

**APPEALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE
25TH NOVEMBER 2019**

Report of the Head of Strategic Support

ITEM 5 BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD (ADJ. MILLFIELD, 9 CHURCH STREET, ROTHLEY) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2019

The above Order relates to a Lime tree (T1) in the grounds of St Mary the Virgin and St John the Baptist Church in Rothley (on its western perimeter). Notice P/19/0878/2 was received to “reduce overhanging branches by 3m”. The Council’s Head of Planning and Regeneration considered that this would be excessive and unwarranted pruning and, therefore, considered it appropriate to ensure that the tree, which makes a significant contribution to the visual amenity of the area (contributing to the character of the Conservation Area and being visible from various vantages in the village), is properly protected and retained in a satisfactory manner through the making of this Tree Preservation Order.

Therefore, an Order was made on 10th July 2019 to provisionally protect the tree.

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

An objection to the Order was received from Mr Ferguson (Churchwarden) on 29th July 2019.

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

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

In conclusion, the Committee is asked to consider the issues raised by the objector and the comments of the Head of Planning and Regeneration 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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