

**APPEALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE  
17TH NOVEMBER 2020**

**Report of the Head of Strategic Support**

ITEM 5    BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD (LAND ADJ. 17 RIVER VIEW,  
BARROW-UPON-SOAR) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2020

The above Order relates to an area of trees (A1) (all trees of whichever species) situated at the above site.

The Council's Head of Planning and Regeneration considers that the trees make a significant contribution to the visual amenity of the area on River View. Planning application P/20/0768/2 was received to erect 2 metre high close board fence along the road side. It is considered that the installation of fencing would adversely impact the visual landscape/townscape amenity of the area, by requiring the removal of two ash trees and associate understory. The wooded area consists of mixed deciduous trees including high canopy and understory species, extending from the road edge down to the river. It provides considerable visual amenity for the housing opposite, contributes significantly to the character of the street scene and is also of biodiversity value. It is considered that even if the current planning application was to be refused there would still be a significant threat to the removal of the trees. Therefore, the Head of Planning and Regeneration considers it is appropriate to ensure that the trees are properly protected and retained in a satisfactory manner through the making of a Tree Preservation Order.

Therefore, an Order was made on 31st July 2020 to provisionally protect the trees.

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

An objection to the Order was received on 28th August 2020 from the owner of the site.

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**.

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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