

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

**Report of the Head of Strategic Support**

ITEM 7    BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD (16 ORTON CLOSE, REARSBY)  
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2020

The above Order relates to two individual trees T1 Ash and T2 Maple 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, character and appearance of the Conservation Area of Rearsby. Two S211 Notices P/20/1406/2 and P/20/1407/2 were received seeking to fell an ash tree and undertake crown reduction to a maple respectively. In the case of the ash tree, it is a prominent young ash tree to the frontage and provides a focal point to the Close. The Notice to fell is a response to some branch drop which was a result of storm condition. Such branch dropping is not indicative of dangerous tree but an unforeseen and unpreventable occurrence due to unseasonal strong wind. In the case of the maple tree, it forms part of the backdrop greenery of the rear garden. Both trees are healthy and worthy of retention and preservation. Therefore, the Head of Planning and Regeneration considers it 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 15th September 2020 to provisionally protect the trees.

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

An objection to the Order was received on 12th October 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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