

# Item 14

## REPORT TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

9 November 2007

## REPORT OF HEAD OF PLANNING

### Planning and Development Portfolio

#### REVOCATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER HIGH CLUMP 1979

##### **1. Background**

- 1.1 A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) relating to 1 area of trees was made in 1979 and confirmed on 28 November 1979.
- 1.2 Sedgefield Borough Council is reviewing all its Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) in accordance with Government guidance. This review identified TPO High Clump 1979 as in need of revocation or amendment.
- 1.3 The documentation relating to this Order is inadequate, therefore enforcement would be difficult.
- 1.4 The Order was made to effectively stop the Forestry Commission issuing a Felling Licence to the landowner.
- 1.5 Since the Order was made the trees have declined and have less of a landscape impact. If the landowner wished to fell the trees the Forestry Commission would have to be consulted and replanting would now be enforced. It is considered that the Forestry Commission is now the most appropriate body to control the management of this rural woodland.
- 1.6 It is, therefore, not considered expedient to amend or remake the Order.

##### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee authorises revocation of the Order.

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