

Item 13

REPORT TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

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REPORT OF HEAD OF PLANNING

Planning and Development Portfolio

REVOCATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER HIGHLAND HOUSE, BISHOP MIDDLEHAM 1976

1. Background

- 1.1 A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) relating to 11 trees was made in 1976.
- 1.2 Sedgefield Borough Council is reviewing all its Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) in accordance with Government guidance. This review identified TPO Highland House 1976 as in need of revocation or amendment.
- 1.3 The documentation relating to this Order is inadequate and enforcement is, therefore, not possible.
- 1.4 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 group of trees.
- 1.5 It is therefore not considered expedient to amend or remake the Order.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:
 - i) Authorise revocation of the Order.

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