

Item 4

ITEM NO.

REPORT TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

8 February 2008

REPORT OF HEAD OF PLANNING

Planning and Development Portfolio

Tree Preservation Order No. 51/2007 51a Durham Road Spennymoor

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 A provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was made at the above site on 9 October 2007. The purpose of this report is therefore to consider whether it would be appropriate to make the Order permanent.
- 1.2 The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 enables Local Planning Authority (LPA) to make a TPO if it appears to be “expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees and woodlands in their area”. The Order must be confirmed within 6 months of being made or the Order will be null and void. The serving of the TPO is normally a delegated function, whilst the confirmation is by the Development Control Committee.
- 1.3 The tree that is the subject of the Order provides amenity value to the area and is considered worthy of protection to preserve the character of the area.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee authorise confirmation of the Order.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The tree provides significant public amenity as it stands in an area dominated by the built environment

The tree is under threat from development pressure and a dwelling is proposed on the site.

The tree will soften the impact of any new development on the site.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Under the terms of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999, the Order was served on the owners of the land. Spennymoor Town Council were also consulted. The parties were invited to make representations within 28 days of the date the Order was served, in order that comments could be reported to Committee.

4.2 No representations were received.

Background Papers

Item a Tree Preservation Order 51/2007: Plan and Schedule



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