

# Item 9

ITEM NO.

REPORT TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

6 February 2009

REPORT OF HEAD OF PLANNING

## Planning and Development Portfolio

### Tree Preservation Order No. 57/2008 Sedgefield Showfield

#### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 A provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was made at the above site on 5 December 2008. 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 Development Control Committee.
- 1.3 The single sycamore 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 is adjacent to an historic parkland designated by English Heritage and in the Hardwick Park conservation area.

The tree was subject to a 211 Notice to reduce the height by approx 4m

Height reduction of parkland trees is inappropriate.

The tree has large pruning wounds from previous pruning work, inflicting further wounds will be detrimental to the longevity of the tree.

## 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, neighbouring properties and a site notice was posted. 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 comments were received.

### Background Papers

#### Item a Tree Preservation Order 57/2008: Plan

