

REF NO: TPO 2017 No.8	RECOMMENDATION: Confirm order
	CASE OFFICER Hugh Coggles
LOCATION: Necton North Pickenham Road	APPNTYPE: N/A
APPLICANT: Mrs Knights Mr Reid	POLICY:
PROPOSAL: Allow TPO to lapse	ALLOCATION: N
	CONS AREA: N
	LB GRADE: N
	TPO: Y

REASON FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Formal Objection to serving of TPO 2017 No.8.

KEY ISSUES

The suitability of 19 Oak trees (group 1) for Tree Preservation Order. Concerns over safety, nuisance caused by caused by falling debris and third party liability.

SITE AND LOCATION

Land on the eastern side of North Pickenham Road, Necton

EIA REQUIRED

No

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

None

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The following policies of the adopted Breckland Core Strategy and Development Control Policies and the adopted Site Specific Policies and Proposals Document, including the Proposals Maps, have been taken into consideration in the determination of this application. The provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Policy Guidance have also been taken into account, where appropriate.

CONSULTATIONS

Necton Parish Council- No comments received

Ward Representative- No comments received

ASSESSMENT

A Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) assessment was undertaken which gave the group of trees a score of 18 which means that the group definitely merits the TPO. The TEMPO system is a recognisable and defensible system which gives the trees, group of trees or woodland a score based on a set criteria including condition, visibility, longevity and any threat to the tree. The trees are considered to be a significant landscape feature with a good remaining life span. It is considered expedient in the interests of the amenity of the locale to promote the retention of the trees by the imposition of a TPO.

8.0 Conclusion

Confirming the order will allow the long term retention of trees along North Pickenham Road. The council would like to make it clear that the Tree Preservation Order is intended to maintain the amenity afforded to the public by trees and recognises that reasonable pruning, with consent, of individual and in some cases felling within groups, is often necessary to achieve that aim. The TPO should therefore be seen as a requirement for consultation rather than a blanket prohibition, which allows for replacement trees where consent is granted for removal. The order does not prevent the owners from using a contractor of their choice. It does enable the council to have some control over the work which is undertaken and the powers to condition that work is completed to a high standard and in accordance with current best practice.

RECOMMENDATION

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