

APPEALS COMMITTEE

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 456 (2009) ST JOHN CHURCH, GRESSINGHAM

22 SEPTEMBER 2009

REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To enable Members to consider the objections received to Tree Preservation Order No. 456 (2009): located at St John Church Gressingham, and thereafter whether or not to confirm the Order.

This matter will be dealt with in accordance with the adopted procedure for considering matters relating to individual applications, that is, the relevant matters for consideration by the Committee will be presented in the public part of the meeting, and the decision will be made after the exclusion of the press and public, on the basis that, in making its decision, the Committee will receive exempt information in the form of legal advice on possible legal proceedings arising from the decision (Paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members consider the objections to Tree Preservation Order No. 456 (2009): located at St John Church, Gressingham, and decide whether or not to confirm the Order.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Under Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Local Planning Authority may make an Order in respect of a tree or group of trees if it appears that it is expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for the protection of trees in their area.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations 1999, objections have been received to Tree Preservation Order No. 456 (2009), which has been made in relation to individual trees located at St John Church, Gressingham.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Regulations, it is necessary to consider the objection(s), and in order for the objections to be considered objectively, the matter is referred to the Appeals Committee.
- 1.4 The report of the City Council's Tree Protection Officer is attached (pages 39 to 43).

Appended to the report are:

- Appendix 1 - *Copy of the original Tree Preservation Order No.456 (2009) (page 44 to 47);*

- Appendix 2 - *Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) (page 48 to 52);*
- Appendix 3 – *Photographs of trees subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 456 (2009) (page 53 to 54);*
- Appendix 4 – *Correspondence and objections in relation to Tree Preservation Order No. 456 (2009) (page 55 to 64).*

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Members with details to enable them to decide whether or not to confirm Tree Preservation Order No. 456 (2009).

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 Consultation has been undertaken through the TPO process with the applicants, and Parish Council and where appropriate the boundary neighbours.

4.0 Options

4.1 The Options are:

- (1) To confirm Tree Preservation Order No. 456 (2009)
 - (a) Without modification
 - (b) Subject to such modification as is considered expedient.
- (2) Not to confirm Tree Preservation Order No. 456 (2009)

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 In the light of information contained within the report and its appendices, together with legal advice given at Committee and a site visit, Members are requested to determine whether or not to confirm Tree Preservation Order No. 456 (2009).

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT	
(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)	
Not applicable.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	
Not applicable.	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
A Legal Officer will be present at the meeting to advise the Committee.	
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